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Four inducted into Chickasaw Hall of Fame

A Pickens District judge, a state representative, an accomplished bladesmith, and a world-famous opera singer were inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame Thursday, August 13, at Riverwind Casino in Norman, Okla.

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"Our core values, our ethics, our determination to serve our fellow man are embodied by each of these individuals we honor tonight," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Gov. Anoatubby announced the inductees will be among those honored at an honor garden currently under construction at the Chickasaw Cultural Center near Sulphur, Okla. All members of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame will be included in the honor garden upon completion.

"This garden will honor those great Chickasaw men and women whose very lives serve as testimony to the spirit and integrity of the Chickasaw Nation," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We hope the honor garden will be an inspiration to future generations."

In 2004, **Lisa Johnson-Billy,** of Purcell, Okla., was elected to represent District 42 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. She is the first Native American and the first woman elected from the district.

"Through her work, Lisa Johnson Billy has served as a guardian of the people, an advocate for a positive future and an example of strong leadership," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Rep. Billy expressed appreciation to her family and friends for their support.

"We have amazing grandmothers and grandfathers who paved the way through as-

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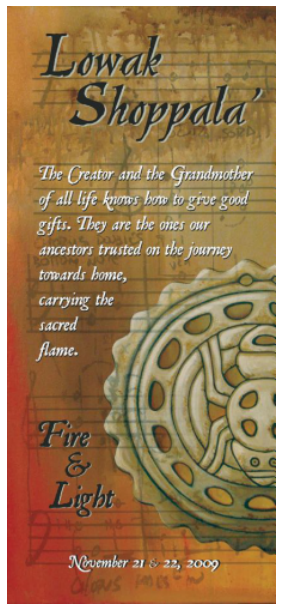
Chickasaw production 'Lowak Shoppala' to premiere in November

ADA, Okla. – "Lowak Shoppala'" (Fire and Light) will premiere Nov. 21 at the Hallie Brown Performing Arts Theater on the East Central University Campus in Ada.


Lowak Shoppala'
The Creator and the Grandmother of all life knows how to give good gifts. They are the ones our ancestors trusted on the journey towards home, carrying the sacred flame.
Fire & Light
November 21 & 22, 2009

Commissioned by the American Composers Forum Continental Harmony Project, the new work by Chickasaw Composer Jerod Tate will include music, dance and storytelling.

The narrative is written by award-winning Chickasaw author and Pulittzer Prize Finalist Linda Hogan.

Award-winning Chickasaw weaver Margaret Roach-Wheeler is designing the costume and sets. Ms. Roach-Wheeler recently won the President's

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Governor Anoatubby named 'Indian of the Year'

ANADARKO, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby was honored in August as "Indian of the Year" by the board of the American Indian Exposition.

Governor Bill Anoatubby

Now in its 78th year, the American Indian Exposition is conducted by over a dozen tribes in the Anadarko area. The Exposition's mission is to promote and preserve American Indian culture and heritage.

More than 50 tribes participate in the Exposition, which features traditional Indian arts, handicrafts and dance.

Previous "Indian of the Year" honorees include Robert Bennett (1966), the first Indian to lead the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs; William Sampson, Jr., (1973), an artist and actor who starred in the movie "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest; and Walter Lamar, Jr. (1998) a winner of the FBI Shield of Bravery and a former deputy director

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similation and racism and genocide," she said. "And we, as their descendants stand on their shoulders. What an honor it is to stand beside Neal McCaleb, my hero and Helen Cole, my hero and Tom and Ellen Cole, my heroes who encouraged me to believe in what I was doing."

In 2006, Rep. Billy initiated the first Oklahoma Native American Caucus and currently serves as its co-chair. She is also vice-chair of the majority caucus and a deputy whip.

Prior to her election to the Oklahoma Legislature, Rep. Billy served six years as a Chickasaw tribal legislator. In addition, she was an educator in the Department of Continuing Education at the University of Oklahoma.

Daniel Worcester, of Lone Grove**,** Okla., forges works of art by hand from common objects such as old wagon springs, tools and steel files. An accomplished bladesmith, Mr. Worcester creates one-of-a kind knives with handles made of a variety of materials.

"Through his hands, Daniel Worcester brings forth artistic works which embody Chickasaw culture and heritage," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Through this work, we can see the honesty and beauty of our own Chickasaw traditions.""

Mr. Worcester expressed appreciation to his wife, Debbie, and fellow artist Ben Harjo for their encouragement during what he called the "lean years."

He also expressed appreciation to Gov. Anoatubby.

"(Gov. Anoatubby) has supported arts in Oklahoma, not just Chickasaw artists but all artists," he said. "Governor Anoatubby, I'd like to thank you for your support."

His work has won many awards at major art shows, including eight first-place awards from the Santa Fe Indian Market in Santa Fe, N.M. Mr. Worcester's knives have also been exhibited at many major museums across the United States, including the Institute of American Indian Arts Museum in Santa Fe, the Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the Museum of Arts & Design in New York.

Mr. Worcester has participated in many Chickasaw Nation-sponsored events and has lent his knowledge and expertise to programs supporting Chickasaw art and artists.

Charles Stogner accepted the award on behalf of his great grandfather, the late **Overton "Sobe" Love**, who distinguished himself as a Pickens District judge and was the Chickasaw representative to Congress during the William L. Byrd Administration.

Mr. Stogner said that if his grandfather was alive today, he "would be very pleased with the state of the Chickasaw Nation."

Judge Love worked extensively with the enrollment of Chickasaw citizens during the days of the Dawes Commission. He fought hard for his people at a time when the U.S. government was trying to suppress Native American culture.

"Judge Love foresaw a future of change and adversity, but he sought security for our people," said Gov. Anoatubby.

The Oklahoma Constitutional Convention honored Overton Love by naming Love County after him.

Aurelia Guy Phillips accepted the medallion on behalf of her aunt, the late **Tessie "Lushanya" Mobley,** who became a world-famous operatic soprano in the 1940s and 1950s.

"I am so pleased that Lushanya took an extraordinary gift and shared it with so many people who had no idea what indigenous people were," said Ms. Phillips. "It's a joy to me to know that she showed people a bright, articulate, beautiful woman in a very special way with her gift and her costumes."

Born and raised on a farm near Ardmore, Okla., she went on to train in music at American universities and later studied in Germany.

Sometimes called "Songbird of the Chickasaws," her first major solo performance was in the Hollywood Bowl for the 1929 Inter-tribal Indian Ceremonial.

Her debut with the Chicago Opera Company at the Teatro Verdi Opera House in Trieste, Italy helped launch her career as an opera singer.

"Tessie Mobley carried the spirit of the Chickasaw people throughout the world with her gift of song," said Gov. Anoatubby.

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of the BIA law enforcement program.

Since he was first elected governor in 1987, Gov. Anoatubby has overseen tremendous growth in the Chickasaw Nation. The tribe currently has more than 38,000 citizens.

In 1987, the Chickasaw Nation had approximately 250 employees and annual operating outlays totaled less than $11 million. Today, the tribe has more than 10,000 employees and capital outlays in excess of $350 million. Gov. Anoatubby has focused his administration on providing health care, education, quality housing and economic development.

Gov. Anoatubby first came to work for the Chickasaw Nation in 1975 as director of tribal health services.

In 1994, the Chickasaw Nation became the first tribe in the U.S. to successfully negotiate a compact to manage its own health care system.

The Chickasaw Nation Health System now accommodates more than 350,000 patient visits annually and offers a wide variety of services at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada and five additional health clinics located throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

Under Gov. Anoatubby's leadership, the tribe has also made a commitment to preventive health care services designed to stop diabetes and other health care problems before they start.

In 2001, Gov. Anoatubby was named chairman of the board of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, a state agency created in 1994 to construct and operate a Cultural Center and Museum for the purpose of generating awareness and understanding of the history of tribes and their relationship to Oklahoma today.

In 2004, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

Gov. Anoatubby was recognized in 2005 by the Oklahoma Supreme Court during the annual Sovereignty Symposium as the "Most Honored One" and "Friend of the Court."

In 2006 he received the Oklahoma Mental Health Consumer Council "Humanitarian of the Year" award and the Minority Business Advocate of the Year award.

He is a member of the Oklahoma Heritage Association board and in 2007 he received the Centennial Leadership Award for Preservation of State and Local History from that association.

Earlier this year, he was appointed to the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's Oklahoma City branch. As a director, Gov. Anoatubby has input on national monetary policy.

He is also a member of Gov. Henry's Task Force on Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence; board member Oklahoma Creativity Project, Inc.; chairman of the Advisory Board to the Special Trustee for American Indians; board member of East Central University Foundation, Oklahoma Academy of State Goals; and member and past co-chairman of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

Governor Anoatubby lives in Ada, Okla., with his wife, Janice. They have two sons, Brian and Chris. Chris and his wife Becky have three children, Brendan, Eryn and Sydney. Brian and his wife Melinda have two children, Chloe and Preslea.

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We look forward to seeing you at Annual Meeting and Festival

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

We are coming up on that very special time of year once again!.

Our 49th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and 21st Annual Chickasaw Festival begin September 26. As is traditional, our meetings, events and celebrations will be centered on our historic capitol city of Tishomingo.

The Annual Meeting and Festival are always a great way to share experiences with our family and friends. We have the great opportunity to reconnect to our Chickasaw history, traditions and culture.

And for 2009 we will be gathering in venues throughout the Chickasaw Nation for some unique, first-time visits. We will be sharing long-hoped-for dreams that are now becoming realities for Chickasaws.

Friday, October 2 will be a wonderful day in Chickasaw history. We will gather in Sulphur to experience our new Chickasaw Cultural Center, a huge and important project that promises to make an impact on Chickasaw culture, knowledge and understanding for generations.

The facility itself is impressive. The theatre, traditional village, amphitheatre and galleries are each tremendous accomplishments. The Cultural Center is a wonderful representation of our past, even as it presents a progressive view of our tribal future.

The clearinghouse for Chickasaw scholarship, study and research, our Cultural Center also represents the importance and uniqueness of our tribal history, and our tribe's stamp on Native, U.S. and world experience.

Don't miss this great opportunity!

This year will also feature the September 26 golf tournament in Thackerville. If you are a golfer, you won't want to miss the opportunity to play on the D.A. Weibring-designed course at our WinStar Casino. This course is beautiful and challenging, and is already drawing golfers from across the country. This is our first year for the golf tournament at WinStar, so please take advantage.

Be sure and attend this year's Chickasaw Princess Pageant September 28 at the Ada High School Activity Center. Our young Chickasaw ladies are outstanding, and the pageant is a wonderful experience that includes traditional dress and culture. If you have never attended this event, you are in for a real treat.

Of course, there will be all the events and venues that have become traditions to us over the years. These include the Junior Olympics, Senior Olympics, softball and horseshoe tournaments, the youthful celebration, cultural demonstrations, cultural tours throughout the week for our area school children, Chickasaw White House tours and so much more!

Isn't it time you made your plans to attend the Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival? I guarantee you will be glad you made the trip.

There is nothing more precious than our families, our friends and our fellow Chickasaws. We share a history that each of us carries deep inside.

Make time this year to renew that wonderful connection. I look forward to seeing you this year!

'Our Story Continues' at Annual Meeting, Festival

"Our Story Continues" during the 49th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 21st Annual Chickasaw Festival, which kicks off Saturday, Sept. 26 and culminates October 3.

"Our Story Continues" is the theme of this year's event. The theme reflects the Chickasaw Nation's proud history and bright future.

"Our culture and history come to life for all Chickasaws and our neighbors during the Annual Meeting and Festival," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. Activities and events which celebrate Chickasaw heritage, history and traditions will be featured at different venues throughout the Chickasaw Nation, including the cities of Tishomingo and Ada, the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur and WinStar Golf Course in Thackerville.

Gov. Anoatubby will deliver the State of the Nation address during the Annual Meeting 9 a.m. Saturday, October 3 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

Immediately following the address, Tishomingo's Main Street will be the scene of the Festival Parade, one of the largest parades in the area, including high school bands and organizations from around the state.

A Chickasaw traditional meal will be served at 11:30 a.m. on the Murray State College lawn. A health fair will also begin at 11:30.

A petting zoo, children's activities and a "make and take tent" will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Tishomingo's Pennington Park. Horseshoe Tournament registration begins at noon at Pennington Park, and arts and crafts and food vendors will be located at the park from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Stickball, Chickasaw Dance Troupe and cultural demonstrations will be conducted on the west side of the Chickasaw Nation Capitol grounds, along with a Gospel Singing from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The day will end with the Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo at the Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena, beginning at 8 p.m.

Several activities, including the annual Junior Olympics, Golf Tournament and Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, kick off the week-long celebration Saturday, Sept. 26. The Junior Olympics, where little ones compete in several fun track and field events, begins at 9 a.m., at the Tishomingo High School Football Field.

Golf Tournament registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and play begins at 9 a.m. at WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville. The Softball Tournament begins at 9 a.m. at the Murray State College Sports Complex.

A wide variety of exciting events and activities will be conducted throughout the Chickasaw Nation the week of the festival.

Chickasaw Museum tours, cultural demonstrations and children's activities will be conducted Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Tishomingo.

The Chickasaw Nation Princess Pageant will take place 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28 at the Ada Cougar Activity Center on the campus of Ada High School. Three Chickasaw young ladies will begin their reigns as 2009-2010 Chickasaw royalty.

The Arts and Culture Awards will be presented 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29 at the new McSwain Theatre in Ada. The Chickasaw Senior Olympics will be conducted 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tishomingo's Pennington Park Thursday, Oct. 1.

Cultural Day at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, begins 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2. Lunch will be served at the Aaimpa Café and a "Behind the Scenes" film will be presented at the Anoli Theater. "Pearl" will be shown in the theater at 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Storytelling, hymns and the Living History Players will be presented at the Amphitheater from 11:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and cultural demonstrations will take place from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Traditional Village. Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen's portraits of Chickasaw elders will be exhibited from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Aattifama Room.

The evening bell will chime at 5:15 p.m. for dinner service at the Traditional Village.

A complete listing of events, locations and schedules is available online at www.chickasaw.net. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Festival office at (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

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award at the Red Earth Festival and the Purchase Award at the EitelJorg Museum in Indianapolis for the Feather Cape and Kilt she designed for the program.

"Lowak Shoppala'" will include music performed by the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra, comprised of the most advanced high school musicians in the state. Dr. John Clinton, Dean of the College of Arts Media and Design at the University of Central Oklahoma, conducts the orchestra.

The Chickasaw Children's Choir, Chickasaw Hymn Singers and the Chickasaw Dance Troupe will also take part in the performance.

More information about the premiere will be included in future issues of the Chickasaw times and on the Chickasaw Nation Web Site www.chickasaw.net .

There is no charge for the performance, but tickets are required.

For more information, or to order tickets, call (580) 272-5520.

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National Impact Award to Lance

Health System workers honored by IHS for outstanding achievement

Eight Chickasaw Nation Health System workers were recognized by the Indian Health Service during the IHS Area Director's Awards ceremony in July in Oklahoma City. From left, Governor Bill Anoatubby, Jimmy Tignor, Sally Hilburn, Dr. Brian Joachims, Joanna Hawkins, Ironda Hicks, Alicson Scott, Lisa Sudderth, Bill Lance and Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Several Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) employees were honored for outstanding performance, integrity and dedication during the July 23 Indian Health Service (IHS) Area Director's Awards ceremony.

The Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service honors health care workers for Indian Health Service as well as tribes and urban clinics for exceptional contributions in their areas of work.

Honorees received commemorative artwork along with their awards. Many of the pieces were created by Chickasaw artist Brent Greenwood.

Bill Lance received the prestigious IHS Area Director's National Impact Award. This award is presented to individuals who demonstrate exceptional and exemplary services that impact the entire IHS community.

Mr. Lance has served as the administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) since 2000. In March 2009, he was named administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce.

Mr. Lance's experience in health care is diverse. During his career, he has worked as an emergency medical technician, a registered nurse, and operator of a home health agency. He has served in several leadership positions within CNHS, culminating with his appointment as administrator in 2000.

Under Mr. Lance's leadership, the Chickasaw Nation developed a strategic plan to replace the existing Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. In addition to his new role with the Division of Commerce, Mr. Lance continues to play an integral role in the construction of the new 370,000 square-foot Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada. The new facility will enhance services and improve the quality of health care for Chickasaw citizens and other Native Americans living in south-central and southwestern Oklahoma.

Jimmy Tignor received a Merit Award at this year's ceremony. This award recognizes individuals for sustained superior accomplishments as well as exemplary leadership skills.

Mr. Tignor is the operating room unit manager and has served in his current role for six years. He worked for many years as an operating room nurse.

He was also selected to receive the 2008 Customer Service Employee Excellence Award for an employee in a CNHS supervisory role.

The Peer Recognition Award recognizes employees who perform duties in any occupational area. The award enables employees to nominate coworkers in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments.

Joanna Hawkins, Ironda Hicks, Sally Hilburn, Dr. Brian Joachims, Alicson Scott and Lisa Sudderth received Peer Recognition Awards.

Ms. Hawkins is a licensed practical nurse at the Ada Family Practice Center. She has been an employee of the CNHS since May 1999.

Ms. Hicks has worked for the Durant Indian Health Clinic within the CNHS for about nine years. She is currently the administrative assistant/case manager at the Durant Clinic.

Ms. Hilburn has served as the health information manager for the Tishomingo Clinic for the past 17 years.

Dr. Joachims is the family practice physician and laboratory director at the Purcell Indian Health Clinic. Dr. Joachims has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation for five years.

Ms. Scott serves as the Get Fresh! food demonstration program coordinator. She has been employed with CNHS Nutrition Services for 10 years. Ms. Scott was also the 2007 Employee of the Year for the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

Ms. Sudderth is the pharmacy manager for the Ardmore Clinic. She has been employed with the CNHS since 2000.

"It is an honor to recognize the CNHS staff who received awards for their dedication and hard work," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Each of these individuals plays a vital role in helping create our vision of healthy American Indians through informed choices and excellent health services."

Gov. Anoatubby accompanied CNHS employees as they were presented with their awards.

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Promoting positive impact on lives of Indian children

Tribe offers free counseling for Chickasaws, employees

The Chickasaw Nation is providing free counseling for Native Americans, Chickasaw Nation employees, and any individual who impacts the life of a Native American child.

The Governor's initiative was set out as a way to focus on individuals and families building healthy lifestyles resulting in enhancing the overall life of people in the Chickasaw Nation.

"Strong families are the basis for strong communities and a strong nation," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "These sessions are part of our overall efforts to promote strong, stable families."

The Office of Strong Family Development has appointments available for individual, marriage and family counseling with program therapists throughout the service area.

Counseling benefits individuals by helping people live a healthier life style, building stronger family relationships and strengthening emotional wellbeing.

A wide range of counseling options are available including marriage, family, personal relationships, and more

"We have comprehensive services that cover almost any aspect of mental health," said Regina Pereira, program therapist. "The therapists on staff are top notch and want to be of service to those who feel they may need assistance,"

Counseling is for anyone coping with any issue which affects mood, daily life activities, work, or home life.

Sessions are normally one hour. The number of sessions needed varies by individual.

"We want to empower the individual to solve their own problems by giving them the tools and resources to make positive decisions for their life," said Andrew Williams, program therapist.

Currently, the Ardmore office is seeking to expand its services in the area and has several times available for those seeking counseling.

Chickasaw Nation counselors are available in Ada, Ardmore, Purcell and Oklahoma City.

Counseling times vary between locations. Individual, marriage, and family counseling are available at the following times and locations:

· Program Therapist Lonnie Manual and Andrew Williams will be available for counseling appointments in the Ada office at 231 Seabrook Road. Individual, marriage, and family counseling provided.

· Program Therapist Lonnie Manuel will be available in the Ardmore office at 39 N. Washington each Thursday with the option for other days based on need. Individual, marriage, and family counseling provided.

· Program Therapist Regina Pereira will be available for counseling appointments in both the Oklahoma City office at 4005 N.W. Expressway, Suite 610 and the Purcell office at 1603 S. Green Avenue. Individual, marriage, and family counseling provided.

For more information or to make an appointments call the office of Strong Family Development at (580) 436-1222 or visit the office at 231 Seabrook Rd. Ada, Okla.

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'What in the world is going on in Oklahoma?'

Rep. Cole points to tribes as state's economic engine

OKLAHOMA CITY - The link between tribal sovereignty and Oklahoma's prosperous economy is not an accident, U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) told members of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO).

Rep. Cole, a Chickasaw citizen, was the keynote speaker of the AICCO Oklahoma City Chapter Aug. 12. The meeting was conducted at the Gardner Center at the Meinders School of Business at Oklahoma City University.

"Watching the Oklahoma economy, we have our series of challenges, but not like the rest of the country," Rep. Cole said.

When his Washington colleagues discover Oklahoma's low unemployment rate, he said, "They look at me and ask 'what in the world is going on in Oklahoma?'"

One factor in Oklahoma's strong economy, Rep. Cole said, was tribally-owned businesses.

"The tribes contribute so much to the Oklahoma economy," he said. "They are a huge reason why Oklahoma is prosperous. There are thousands of jobs with tribes. They are here and they are anchored. Corporate headquarters will never be moved to Dallas or Houston and jobs will never go to China."

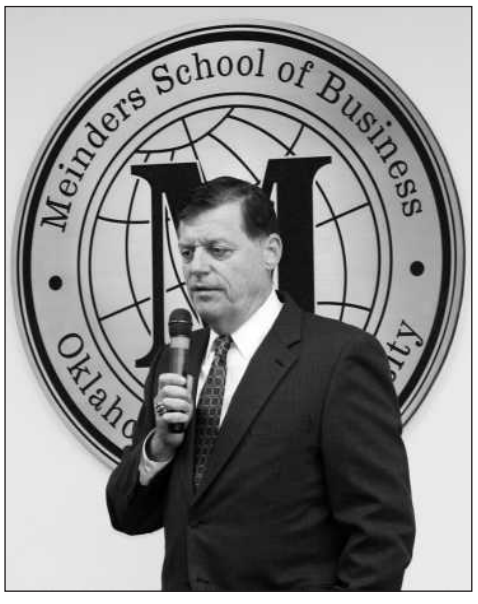
Collectively, Rep. Cole said, Oklahoma Indian tribes are the fourth- or fifth-largest employer in the state

"That's a pretty phenomenal number," he said.

Tribal sovereignty, he said, was critical to maintaining a healthy Oklahoma economy.

"There is an enormous interest in maintaining tribal sovereignty as a state, because of the enormous wealth that is flows into the state, (because of tribal business), he said."

Tribes, according to Rep. Cole, have been working with Washington lawmakers, both Democrat and Republican.



U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, a Chickasaw citizen and the only Native American in Congress, makes a point while speaking to the American Indian Chamber of Commerce during the group's monthly meeting Aug. 12.

"Tribes are dependent on federal status and tribal issues are not partisan issues at all," he said.

The Congressman, who represents Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District, is the only Native American in Congress.

"A lot of Native American issues are festering or ripe for movement," he said.

The Indian Health Care Reauthorization Act, he said, was vitally important. The bill was approved last year by the Senate, but not by the House.

"That bill will come back again," he said. "It is working its way through committee."

Another important issue, Rep. Cole said, was a renewed government focus on 8(a) contracting, a federal business development program that focuses on minorities.

"We need to really keeping an eye on it, because it could really blow up a lot of investment and a lot of opportunity," he said.

He also touched on the recent *Carcieri v. Salazar* Supreme Court decision that ruled the Narragansett tribe in Rhode Island was not a federally recognized tribe under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

As a result this tribe cannot put land into trust.

"We are going to try to get that fixed, legislatively," Rep. Cole said.

That issue, he said, underscored the importance of tribal government and federal government relations.

"Tribes are dependent on federal status," he said. "You are what the Congress wants you to be."

He also stressed the importance of keeping Indian Country tax credits as a law.

"It's not a permanent law; it comes up every two years," he said. "It is not a tribal issue. It's an Oklahoma issue that encourages jobs in Indian Country."

Rep. Cole also said the federal budget for Indian programs was up 14-15 percent, describing it as "catch-up spending."

Several Chickasaw citizens and business owners attended the meeting.

The AICCO's mission is to assist American Indian businesses to expand and grow their business. The Chamber actively supports and nurtures well-planned, long-term business opportunities for members by providing organized access to public sector agencies and private industry. The Chamber also acts as a collective voice for American Indian businesses on important issues.

For more information about the AICCO, log on to aicco.org.

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Rep. Cole completing seventh year in Congress

Tom Cole, a Chickasaw citizen, has represented Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District since November 6, 2002. Rep. Cole, a Republican, is an advocate of a strong national defense, a defender of the interests of small business and taxpayers, a proponent of education at all levels and a leader on issues regarding Native Americans and tribal governments.

He was appointed to the House Appropriations Committee in 2009. Rep. Cole has previously served on the Armed Services Committee, Natural Resources Committee, Rules Committee and Education and Workforce Committee.

He serves as a deputy whip in the U.S. House. In this role he helps line up the votes needed to pass the legislative agenda of the House Republican Conference.

Rep. Cole served as Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee for two years. This made him a member of the House GOP Leadership. He also serves as Republican Co-Chairman of the Native American Caucus.

White House Harvest Fest is Oct. 24

EMET, Okla. - Horse-drawn buggy rides, Wild West vignettes and old-time fiddling are just a few activities in store for this year's Chickasaw White House's Harvest Fest.

Harvest Fest will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday Oct. 24 at the Chickasaw White House in Emet.

This event is free and open to the public. The activities reflect the lifestyle of Chickasaw Governor Douglas Hancock Johnston and his family during the early 1900s.

"We are excited to celebrate fall the way they would have in the 1900s," said Regina Berna, director of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Museums and Historic Sites.

Other period-themed activities planned include traditional storytelling by well-known Chickasaw storyteller Lynn Moroney, guided tours of the Chickasaw White House and a performance by Western acting group The Ada Free Rangers.

Make-and-take craft classes will also be offered, with instructions on how to make items such as scarecrows and pine cone bird feeders.

Lunch, served from noon to 1 p.m., and all-day snacks will also follow early 1900s harvest theme.

For more information, contact the Department of Museums and Historic Sites at (580) 371-9835.

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'Let's Speak Chickasaw' a new text focusing on grammar, pronunciation

"Let's Speak Chickasaw (Chikashshanompa' Kilanompoli')" will be the first textbook and grammar workbook used to teach the Chickasaw language.

The textbook is the second collaborative work by authors Catherine Pickens Willmond and Pamela Munro, UCLA Professor of Linguistics. The first, "Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary" was published in 1994.

Ms. Willmond is a native Chickasaw speaker.

"I love Chickasaw," Ms. Munro said. "I'm very proud to have helped develop a resource for more people to learn about it."

The content is based on Munro's work with Willmond and numerous trips to Oklahoma to visit with dozens of fluent speakers.

"Let's Speak Chickasaw" treats the Chickasaw language as a living thing, not a historical artifact.

"Hopefully, this will help bring back competence in this beautiful language, which is now sadly endangered," Ms. Munro said.

Joshua Hinson, Chickasaw Nation director of Cultural Education and Outreach, hopes that the book will help create not only fluent speakers, but also fluent writers and readers.

"It will provide a thorough grounding in reading, writing and speaking Chickasaw and will be a valuable tool that describes the detail and intricacies of a very complicated language," he said.

Designed for Chickasaw students from beginner to intermediate, the text covers pronunciation, word building, structure and usage. It also contains "Beyond the Grammar" sections that offer insight into the history of the language and a CD to convey fine points of pronunciation.

Each of the 20 units includes dialogues or readings that reflect language use by native speakers. These sections are designed to enhance the students' understanding of how words and sentences are put together. Classroom tested for 14 years, "Let's Speak Chickasaw" will now be the centerpiece of Chickasaw language courses.

"Let's Speak Chickasaw" is currently available through the Chickasaw Press and the University of Oklahoma Press at www.oupress.com

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Time is now for getting education requests in

LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hi, Everyone!

Schools are starting and everywhere everyone is busy. Be sure to get your requests in for all that could be available to you or your students, clothing grants, higher education funding, vo-tech assistance – the list is long and we are so fortunate, so be sure to do your part and apply! Our Education Department does an outstanding job and at present I believe there are more than 2,500 people receiving funding for educational assistance. One more time – Isn't it great to be Chickasaw!

I attended the Hall of Fame banquet the other day. It was conducted at Riverwind Casino near Norman (if you didn't know). It is a very large facility and almost a thousand people came to honor our recipients. Two were posthumously awarded and two were present (alive and well!) to receive the honors bestowed upon them, and deservedly so. Lisa Johnson-Billy is a favorite friend so I was double proud on her achievement. She is an extraordinary person.

Our Chickasaw princesses were in attendance and they are such a bright spot – like three beautiful butterflies moving around the room. A real charmer Chelsea Wedlow, Little Miss Chickasaw, is pictured below as she stopped at my table. She lights up an area around her and has the most beautiful eyes – all sparkle! It was a memorable evening in every way and one any Chickasaw can attend if they so desire. Give yourself a treat one of these times! Take a look at "Miss Sparkle Eyes" (my name for Chelsea).

Grants have been applied for to greatly improve the Ardmore and Tishomingo clinics. These are federal level grants so help us think positive. Both clinics greatly need what could be done would we be a recipient of the funding.

May God bless you in the days to come.

Linda Briggs

Stained glass maker a descendant of Kemp

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma,

Can you believe that school is already back in session? Just seems like yesterday all the children were getting out. There were several Chickasaw camps offered this summer. I hope you and your children took advantage of some of them. If you missed out, just get prepared, it won't be very long and it will be time to sign up for next summer. If you have any questions about the various camps offered by the Nation just call (580) 436-2603 and the operators will connect you with the correct staff to assist you.

Mr. Rochelle and his wife reside in Durant, Oklahoma. He has worked with glass for the past 40 years and was employed by the Lee Glass Company. It was mentioned that he enjoyed making stain glass art. I was especially interested when I learned he had made a depiction of the Chickasaw Nation Seal. There is a lot of detail in our Tribal seal and making a stain glass replica of it would be a challenge. It was beautiful.

Wendell is a descendant of Levi Kemp and Elizra Colbert. Their son, Wellington Martin Kemp was an Indian Permit Marshall back in the day. He married Susan Jackson Kemp and had eight children. Ms. Kemp's allotment land is where the town of Achille is located. Their youngest child, Verna Kathryn married Mr. Harvey Rochelle. These were Wendell's parents. We had a wonderful time looking at stain glass work and sharing stories of our families. I can't wait to hear from some of you that are related to Wendell. Call and share about your family ties.

Last month I mentioned my blog site. It is still under construction but I hope to have it open for your input by next month. ….

yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

Isaiah 46:11

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Wendell Rochelle

Attend the Festival Sept. 26 - Oct. 3

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone,

As the summer comes to a close and we begin to look forward to fall, I'm reminded of my mother and my grandpa. Fall was their favorite time of the year, and they both called it Indian Summer. Grandpa loved the coolness. He welcomed the coolness as he worked to prepare for winter. Mother also loved the cool, crispness of the air and all the colors of the changing leaves.

Like Indian Summer, our tribal elections brought subtle change. I would like to thank all who participated in the elections by voting or working to support a candidate. I would especially like to thank the candidates who care so much about the present and the future of our Nation to put themselves and their resources on the line to run for office.

The transition from summer to fall also signals the approach of the new fiscal year, which is October 1 through September 30. One of the most important things we do as Chickasaw legislators is to review and approve or disapprove the tribal budget. While final approval of the fiscal year 2010 budget has not yet happened, I am confident that we will have timely approval of a budget. The new budget will provide for the renewal of most programs and services and hopefully some new programs and services.

I encourage all Chickasaws to utilize every program and service for which he/she is eligible. To ensure that you receive accurate information about programs and services, I encourage you to research existing programs, new programs and updates to programs, by inquiring by phone, inquiring by email, talking to fellow Chickasaws and your legislators.

A great place to talk to your Chickasaw friends and elected officials is the Annual Chickasaw Festival. This year's festival is scheduled to begin with activities on September 26 and conclude on October 3. There is a schedule of events on the last page of the August edition of *the Chickasaw Times*, or you can view a schedule on line at the Chickasaw Nation website.

I look forward to seeing you at the festival!

Respectfully,

Katie

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

1005 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK
(580) 436-1007

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

Volunteer at Carl Albert - you'll love it!

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! School is back in session and it amazes me each year that school starts so early here in Ada.

This month, we received a report from the Division of Education who told us that the clothing allowance for college students has been decreased while the allowance for books has been increased. Apparently the cost of books has increased dramatically.

Health Administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker has announced that all the Health Care facilities now sit on smoke free campuses. That is certainly good news for all Indians as smoking causes all sorts of maladies. She also announced the completion of negotiations with the Indian Health Service and we can expect to receive more funds from IHS under a new agreement.

Robert Bales, M.D., ophthalmologist, from Elmore City, Oklahoma, will be providing part-time services at the eye clinic starting August 12, 2009. Welcome Dr. Bales!

The construction on the new hospital is coming along and the crews are beginning work on the interior now. The women's clinic at the new facility will be on the second floor.

The Committee discussed with Dr. Parker the possibility of providing some sort of transportation for patients who need to travel from one end of the new facility to the other. The facility is quite long and some elders and others may have difficulties in going from one end to the other. No decision has been reached yet.

This is a general call out for new volunteers at Carl Albert. Some of the older volunteers have retired and we need new volunteers to replace them. Volunteers complete needed tasks for the hospital and patient services which gives the volunteer a sense of accomplishment. It also looks great on a resume for younger volunteers. Please consider giving a little time for the good of our Indian community!

The following are statistics for the month of July, 2009, (last year's statistics): Emergency Room visits were 805 (1,245). July saw 397 surgeries (408). The Same-day Clinic saw 2,378 patients (2,346). The Family Practice Clinic in Ada and satellite clinics saw 4,118 patients total in June (3,536). Internal Medicine saw 426 patients (489), Pediatrics saw 935 patients (676) and OB/GYN saw 56 patients (74).

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

HOLLY EASTERLING

Thank you

I am honored to serve you on our legislature, and I look forward to a productive term as tribal chairman. Thank you!

Holly Easterling
Pontotoc District
Seat 1

DAVID WOERZ

Thank you

Thank you for re-electing me to serve as your tribal legislator. I appreciate your support.

David Woerz
Pickens District
Seat 1

NANCY ELLIOTT

Thank you

I look forward to serving you as your representative in the tribal legislature. Thank you for your wonderful support!

Nancy Elliott
Pontotoc District
Seat 2

SHANA TATE HAMMOND

Thank you

I wish to express my deep appreciation to everyone who supported my campaign. It is truly a blessing to have met and spoken with so many of you over the summer. I look forward to serving as your Pickens District Seat 4 legislator.

Yakkookay!

Shana Tate Hammond
Pickens District
Seat 4

Court Advocate services now available for tribal citizens

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with their legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

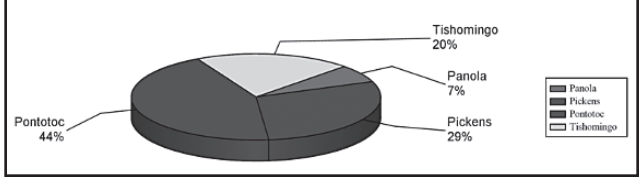
This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,657	Pontotoc	10,784
Pickens	7,083	Tishomingo	4,925
			24,449



Dr. Teresa M. Shavney recognized

Chickasaw surgeon honored as 'Dynamic Woman of the Year'

Oklahoma City's first female surgeon, Teresa M. Shavney, M.D. has been named the 2009 Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year. Dr . Shavney was selected from this year's group of eight distinguished and accomplished nominees.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said that strong, dynamic women have always been a foundation of the Chickasaw Nation.

"Dr. Shavney is a fine example of a Chickasaw woman with the courage and determination to accomplish great things," said Gov. Anoatubby. "She also has the compassion and vision to ensure those accomplishments enhance the lives of her family and members of the community."

A general and pediatric surgeon, Dr. Shavney has more than 26 years in her field.

As an undergraduate Civil Engineering major at the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Shavney was one of the first female graduates from OU's Environmental Sciences program.

Teresa M. Shavney, M.D.

After working for the Environmental Protection Agency for a short time, Shavney realized that her true calling was in medicine.

In 1979, she graduated from the University of Oklahoma's School of Medicine to become Oklahoma City's first female surgeon and only the second female surgeon to practice in the state of Oklahoma

Dr. Shavney was also the first woman elected to the State's Physician-owned medical insurance group, Physician's Liability Income Company and was named as one of America's Top Surgeons by The Consumer Research Council of America.

She has served in many positions of leadership, including president of the Oklahoma Medical Women's Association, the Oklahoma Surgical Society and of the Oklahoma County Medical Society.

"We are very pleased to honor such an energetic and influential member of the medical profession," said Lona Barrick, Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities. "Dr. Shavney inspires each of us by her strength of character, commitment to excellence and service to the community."

Aside from her medical obligations, Dr. Shavney is also a committed and involved community member, church member, mother and wife.

Established in 2006, the Dynamic Woman Award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the tribe, served as role models for other Chickasaw women and have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens. Past recipients include playwright Dr. JudyLee Oliva, State Representative Lisa Johnson-Billy and Dr. Tina Marie Cooper.

Dr. Shavney will be honored at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture awards Tuesday, Sept. 29 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada (OK) as part of the Annual Meeting and Festival.

The Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year Award will be one of several awards given at the ceremony. Other awards include the Silver Feather Award, Heritage Preservation Awards and artist awards for the Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM).

Dr. Shavney is the granddaughter of original Chickasaw enrollee Sylvia Gibson Pope and the daughter of Richard and Beaulah Shavney.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Ardmore-Tishomingo route being considered by Road to Work program

A public transportation program offered by the Chickasaw Nation is considering expanding its services.

Angie Gilliam, Chickasaw Nation Transportation Director, said the program was considering opening a route between Ardmore and Tishomingo.

Gilliam said the decision to open an additional route would be based on public response.

"Road to Work" provides a low-cost alternative to rural commuters dealing with rising gas prices. Currently, the program offers transportation to and from work with routes serving riders in Ada, Sulphur, Connerville and Stonewall.

Buses pick riders up at a central location in each community and stop at the work place of each rider. Buses currently begin picking up riders at 5 p.m. each day for the trip home after work.

The program is open to the public, but does offer Native American preference.

Cost is $1 one way for Chickasaw members and $2 one way for others.

To express interest in the service, or for more information, call 1-800-492-2115or email road.work@chickasaw.net .

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Council House seeking donations

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Council House Museum in Tishomingo is currently seeking donations for its collection.

All items donated should pertain to the history or culture of the Chickasaw people.

Examples include pashofa pots, ball sticks, bows, pottery, baskets, traditional clothing, beadwork, books, newspaper articles, paintings, prints, artwork, allotment patents, other paperwork and photographs.

Photographs and items from the Burney Institute, original enrollees, Chickasaw churches, schools and families are of special interest.

Donated items will be kept safe and secure for generations to come.

For more information, call (580) 371-3351 or stop by the museum at 209 N. Fisher, Tishomingo.

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Elders Day set for Sept. 11

KULLIHOMA - The tribal Cultural Resources Department of the Division of History and Culture will be sponsoring Elders Day 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 at Kullihoma.

Elders Day, a semi-annual event, honors our elders and provides opportunities to share their knowledge about the culture and traditions of the Chickasaw people.

"This is a time where the elders can get together and talk about the past," said Eddie Postoak, director of the Cultural Resources Department.

An Indian taco lunch, Cultural Center updates and a presentation on fraud and home invasions by the Lighthorse Police are on the agenda this year.

Kullihoma is located seven miles northeast of Ada, Okla., on State Highway 1.

For more information, contact the Cultural Resources Department at (580) 332-8685.

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Kids' language club to meet Sept. 15

"Professionals Fun Day" is the theme for the September meeting of The Chickasaw Nation Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) language club.

The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Chickasaw Nation gym at tribal headquarters in Ada.

Participants will learn about professional positions within the Chickasaw Nation along with words related to work.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli meetings focus on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life.

One Saturday each month the club meets to learn Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

Club meetings are open to all children ages three to 12 who are interested in learning the Chickasaw language.

To join the language club or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Teresa McDonald at (580) 272-5310, teresa.mcdonald@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/cca.

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Chickasaw words become the norm

Sports camp infuses language into activities

The Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture used a unique combination of sports and language immersion to educate Chickasaw youth at the Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo (The Youth Are Playing) Language Sports Camp, August 4-5 at Carter Seminary Gym in Ardmore, Okla.

"This year's camp was a great success," said Teresa McDonald, Chickasaw Studies office coordinator and Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo facilitator. "The participants really enjoyed learning in an active sport setting and left wanting to learn more."

Chickasaw students, grades one through 12, participated in various sports each day, including stickball, soccer, baseball and basketball. Chickasaw was spoken during the entire camp, encouraging participants to learn and use basic sports and team-related phrases and words.

Lone Grove freshman Robert Johnson said that learning and using words while playing sports was helpful.

"It was a good combination of learning and fun," he said. "After a little bit, I automatically started associating Chickasaw words with the different actions."

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo Chickasaw Language Sports Camp is one of the tribe's language programs offered to the youth in an effort to revitalize and preserve their native language.

For more information on future Language Sports Camps or other language programs, contact the Chickasaw Studies office at (580) 272-5310.

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Chanera Taylor and Quinn Simmer play soccer during the Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo (The Youth Are Playing) Language Sports Camp conducted last month in Ardmore. The camp uses sports to teach participants Chickasaw words and phrases.

Letter of Thanks

Thank you to Mr. Allen A. Ward, of Horatio, Ark.

Mr. Ward was a recent visitor to the Chickasaw Council House Museum. He donated an album filled with pictures of students, buildings, and students participating in activities from the early Bloomfield school era.

Mr. Ward is a member of the Alabama-Tennessee Trail of Tears Corridor Association, Inc., which studies and works to mark the trails Native Americans traveled.

Thank you,
Flora Fink
Manager/Curator
Museum and Historic Sites
Division of History
and Culture

Investment in education tops $11.6 million for year

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's Division of Education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending July 31, 2009

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $134.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $9.2 million for the month and $62.4 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $116.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for July totaled $75 million and $713 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $25 million for the month and $237 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $76.4 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At July 31, 2009, the tribal government funds had $130 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $16.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $147 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of July 31, 2009, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $852 million compared to $755 million at January 31, 2009 or an increase of $97 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Ten Months Ended July 31, 2009

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	7,769,324	713,003,328	720,772,652
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		126,733,126	(126,733,126)	(0)
Total funds available		134,502,450	586,270,202	720,772,652
Expenditures				
General government		7,702,194		7,702,194
Legislature		1,476,024		1,476,024
Judiciary		713,662		713,662
Education		11,677,141		11,677,141
Heritage Preservation		4,719,368		4,719,368
Health		12,223,501		12,223,501
Youth and Family Services		5,492,397		5,492,397
Nutrition Programs		3,330,473		3,330,473
Regulatory		4,347,562		4,347,562
Assistance Programs		10,750,121		10,750,120
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			390,215,683	390,215,683
Other businesses' expense			119,557,931	119,557,931
Total expenditures		62,432,442	509,773,614	572,206,056
Increase in net assets		72,070,007	76,496,588	148,566,596
Beginning net assets		291,985,959	412,247,737	704,233,696
Ending net assets	$	364,055,966	488,744,326	852,800,292

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
July 31, 2009

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	130,787,361	147,409,857	278,197,218
Receivables		507,877	27,344,939	27,852,816
Inventory			5,583,295	5,583,295
Prepaid expenses			12,020,493	12,020,493
Other Assets			77,181,738	77,181,738
Fixed assets		233,159,426	384,738,061	617,897,487
Less payables		(398,697)	(165,534,058)	(165,932,755)
Net Assets	$	364,055,966	488,744,326	852,800,292

A week in Washington

Chickasaw Leadership students take in history, monuments of nation's capital

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi members and counselors in front of the Washington Monument during a week-long trip to Washington D.C., in July. Front row, from left, (kneeling) Morgan Hennigan, Kelsie Sweat, Maegan "GiGi" Bridgman, and tribal youth specialist Shannon Brown. Second row, from left, tribal youth leadership coordinator Tonya Bierce, assistant director of Youth Services Bryan Lyon, Desiree Lyon, Marlee Erwin, youth specialist Kevin Tiger, Patrick Ferris, Laura Ash, Leslie Wesberry, Aaron John, youth specialist Ashlee Palmer, Micah Hart, Devin Lyon, youth resource coordinator Melissa Wilkerson, Chance Brown, Patricia Cornish, Bridgette Bell and Jared Alexander.

From left, Chance Brown, Patrick Ferris and Micha Hart at the National Museum of the American Indian during the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi trip to Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - History came to life for a group of Chickasaw students as they spent a week visiting the nation's capitol.

Fifteen members of Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Youth Leadership Chickasaw) traveled to Washington in July and experienced history, "big city" culture and discovered inspiration for the future.

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi student Bridgette Bell said the trip inspired her to dream of new possibilities for the future.

"The overall experience has helped me to see other peoples' points of view and opened up my mind," she said. "It inspired me to go into politics and consider running for president."

Bridgette, a junior at Sulphur High School, said she would like to return to Washington to see more sites.

"It was a fun trip," she said.

Incoming college freshman Leslie Wesberry, of Tishomingo, enjoyed the visit to the Georgetown University campus and meeting Matthew Cravatt, a Chickasaw citizen from Davis, Okla., who now works for the U.S. Department of Interior in Washington.

"It is motivational to know you can go from a small town to Washington, D.C., Leslie said. "The whole experience was more inspiring than anything. It motivates us to go that far."

Cravatt took a painting of President Obama created by Youth Leadership Chickasaw student Chance Brown, to a meeting with Jodi Eillette, an Indian Affairs/ White House liaison, with hopes the president would eventually see it.

Chance was thankful for the connection and for the trip.

"I can't thank the Chickasaw Nation enough," he said. "Every time I take a trip, it is because of the tribe. I understand there's a lot of planning ahead and I am most grateful for it."

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi member Marlee Erwin pauses in front of the Washington Monument.

Marlee Erwin, a sophomore at Tishomingo High School, said the moonlight trolley tour to Lincoln Memorial was her favorite part of the trip.

"Ever since I was little and knew what it was, I wanted to see it," Marlee said. "I was impressed by just how big it is. It was cool."

The Hope Diamond, on display at the Smithsonian Institute, was "pretty and awesome," she said.

Marlee was also impressed by the Capitol building and viewing the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

"It seemed more real," she said. "It made me realize it really happened, people really signed it."

The Holocaust Museum was sad, she said, because the Holocaust victims' memories were vivid during the tour.

Marlee said she was thankful to the Chickasaw Nation for the opportunities she is offered as a Chickasaw citizen.

"Not every high school student gets to have these opportunities," she said.

"We saw a lot and I learned so much, I never thought we would see so much in so little time."

She plans on a career as an elementary teacher.

Patrick Ferris, of Dickson High School, said his favorite attractions were the Lincoln and Washington Monuments.

"I learned everything has a symbol, even the smallest detail means something," he said.

Patrick plans to attend Murray State College this fall and later transfer to Oklahoma State University.

Many members of the group took the 550-foot elevator ride to the top of the Washington Monument and enjoyed a sweeping view of the Washington area.

Visiting a large city and learning how to get from place to place was also part of the experience, as students learned how to navigate the city's Metro system.

Maegan "GiGi" Bridgman learned Washington D.C., is a district and not a state.

She enjoyed every facet of the trip, including hailing a cab for the first time.

Stringent security at most attractions was one thing for which GiGi was not prepared.

"It was different than I thought it would be," she said.

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"The overall experience has helped me to see other peoples' point of view and opened up my mind."

Bridgette Bell
Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi student

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Youth Leadership Chickasaw) students and counselors at the United States Capitol in Washington D.C. The seven-day reward trip included many sites and attractions in the Nation's Capitol.

Ada gathering one of state's largest

Tribe supports National Night Out anti-crime event

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police officer Michael Holloway with his son, 18-month-old Braden, at National Night Out.

ADA, Okla. - National Night Out 2009 drew several hundred Ada-area residents to the East Central University Campus last month, who came out to honor emergency personnel and take a stand against crime.

Complete with the sound of live music and the smell of food, National Night Out is an annual event co-sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, the City of Ada and East Central University. This year's event was Tuesday, Aug. 4.

About 700 people attended the event throughout the evening, making it one of the largest National Night Out celebrations in the state.

Jay Keel, Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services Division administrator, recognized all uniformed personnel in attendance for their hard work. Several Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police, search and rescue teams, and Ada Police and firefighters were in attendance.

"These people risk their own personal safety to make our quality of life better," Mr. Keel said.

Mr. Keel also lead the group in a prayer on behalf of all emergency responders.

National Night Out (NNO) began in 1984 as a means of increasing participation in neighborhood watch groups.

"It's America's night to fight crime, take back the streets and send a message that this is a safe place and we enjoy this neighborhood," Chickasaw Nation Recreation Coordinator Matt Folsom said. "It's about recognizing local law enforcement and preventing crime."

The event, he said, is also about education and strengthening community bonds.

Several Chickasaw Nation programs and services were represented at the event including Nutrition Services, Martial Arts, Metal Mayhem, Chickasaw Firefighters and Search and Rescue, Lighthorse Police and several other tribal, state and university services.

The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard opened the ceremonies and Little Miss Chickasaw Chelsea Wedlow welcomed the crowd with a performance of "The Lord's Prayer."

Participation from several tribal divisions, departments and organizations is crucial to event's success year after year, said Folsom, who coordinates the event for the Chickasaw Nation.

Six-year-old Ada resident Eli Alvarez attended the event for the third time.

When asked about his favorite activity, he said "the moon bounce."

There were plenty of activities for both kids and adults, including face painting, a football toss and a climbing wall. Children were also given items such as pencils and stick-on tattoos offered from the various agencies.

Also during the event, a National Night Out proclamation from Ada mayor Roger Cupps was read and ECU president John Hargrave welcomed the crowd, reminding them of the colleges' 100-year partnership with the Chickasaw Nation.

The Ada NNO effort is one of the largest events in the state of Oklahoma. The event has also garnered six national awards by the National Association of Town Watch, the group that started the annual event.

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Six-year-old Eli Alvarez, Ada, plays "nutrition hop scotch" during National Night Out at the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services' booth.

Three-year-old Josey Morgan, of Ada, enjoys an apple during National Night Out. Several tribal organizations were giving away healthy items at the annual event, conducted at East Central University Aug. 4.

LEADERSHIP STUDENTS

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GiGi did get a glimpse of a WWE wrestler, Batista.

"It was like a dream come true. I saw him near the Metro entrance!" she exclaimed.

"I appreciate the Chickasaw Nation for the trip, it was a once in a life time opportunity and I learned so much."

Not only the students benefitted and learned from the trip.

"There is so much history in one area," Chickasaw Nation Assistant Bryan Lyon, a former history teacher, said. "Walking where famous Americans stood - Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Obama - and seeing the sights they saw, it really inspired me."

"It was an experience of a lifetime and I won't ever forget it," Tonya Bierce, youth leadership coordinator, said. "I love these students and they made the trip worthwhile,"

The multi-state trip was the final activity of the 2009-10 Youth Leadership Chickasaw class. The group will graduate Sept. 12 during ceremonies at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

The 2,676-mile bus trip began Saturday, July 25 in Ada and ended Saturday, Aug. 1.

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi is a leadership program designed to direct young Chickasaw men and women to become tomorrow's leaders. The excursion was a reward trip for students who participated in all aspects of the 12-week program, including community service projects.

The trip to Washington included several educational tours, including the National Archive Museum, Arlington Cemetery, the National Museum of the American Indian, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Capitol, Georgetown University, the National Zoo and the International Spy Museum. Students also visited the Lincoln and Washington Monuments, World War II, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials.

Youth Leadership Chickasaw students participating in the trip were Marlee Erwin, Patrick Ferris, Micha Hart, Aaron John, Bridgette Bell, Leslie Wesberry, Maegan Bridgman, Kelsie Sweat, Chance Brown, Laura Ash, Morgan Hennigan, Jared Alexandar, Desiree Lyon, Devin Lyon, and Patricia Cornish.

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Popular Larsen series 'They Know Who They Are'

Elder portraits to be on display at Cultural Center, museum

Mike Larsen

OKLAHOMA CITY - Phase two of Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen's "They Know Who They Are" series will be on exhibit at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum in Oklahoma City beginning October 8, 2009 through March 26, 2010.

The second set of 24 paintings was created after an overwhelming response from the Chickasaw people to the first set, unveiled in November 2007 at the Oklahoma History Center.

Commissioned by the Chickasaw Nation in 2004, "They Know Who They Are" captures the tribe's elders on canvas.

Mr. Larsen and his wife, Martha, spent numerous hours interviewing and sketching each of the elders portrayed.

"We got to know them, to listen to their stories, listen to their history and go into their homes," Mr. Larsen said.

"It's been the most incredible experience that Martha and I have had."

Featured elders and paintings are:

Juanita Tate
"She Knew My Father"
Kennedy Brown
"Indispensable"
Phillip Agnew
"Sober Indian"
Gene Thompson
"I'm so Proud to be Chickasaw"
Thelma "Chincie" L. Ross
"Code Talkers
Mable Edna Smith
"She Whispered"
Bernard Courtney
"Water Bread and Water Gravy"
John Atkins
"Infant Boy Atkins"
Daisy Blackbird
"Our Oldest Citizen"
Marvin Mitchell
"Proud of his Sons"
Colbert Hackler
"The Fiddle Player"
Lenora Hobbs
"Elegant"
Weldon Fulsom
"How Turtle got its Shell"
Irene Digby
"Cherished One"
Glenda Galvan
"Patron Saint of Children"
Luther John
"Keeper of History"
Bob Wooley
"The Cattleman"
Beaulah Shavney
"She Served Her Country"
Lorena Wooley
"Chilocco"
The Milligan Siblings
"Days of Hoover Hogs"
Zane Browning
"Too Tall"
Beatrice Barrick
"The Milkyway Girl"
Charles Blackwell
"Mr. Ambassador"
Catherine McGuire
"Memories of My Dad"

A selection of the paintings will also be exhibited Friday, Oct. 2 during Cultural Day at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. The paintings will be on display from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Aattifama Room.

Mr. Larsen's artwork has become a familiar sight in Oklahoma. Adorning the Oklahoma State Capitol Rotunda is "Flight of Spirit," a 26-foot mural of five world-famous Native American ballerinas.

Also hanging in the State Capitol is his breathtaking landscape featuring the sun-drenched Cimarron River. The work was chosen in 2006 as the image for Oklahoma's Centennial postage stamp.

Mr. Larsen has also been commissioned by the Oklahoma Art Institute, the University of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City Civic Music Hall to create art for their venues.

The Gaylord-Pickens Museum is located at 1400 N. Classen in Oklahoma City. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Chickasaw youth art transformed as compelling cards; on sale during Festival

Five aspiring Chickasaw artists will be marketing artist cards at the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival this year.

Micah Hart, Addison Manning, Mercedes Milligan, Skylar Nucose and Ryan Rico created the cards as a product of the marketing and design class sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

The eight-week course, led by Graphic Arts and Design Coordinator Rachel Westmoreland, helped the young artists develop the skills they will need in developing and marketing their own artwork in the future.

"It is very important for these young artists to gain valuable knowledge on the process in which they market and share their talent," said Lona Barrick, Division of Arts and Humanities administrator.

Meeting once a week, the students acquired hands-on experience in every level of the design and marketing process of their artwork, including conception, creation, promotion and distribution.

The cards will be released and available for sale at the Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) tent. The tent will be located on the Chickasaw Capitol grounds from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 3.

Each box costs $10 and contains 5 cards, featuring photographs of original artwork created by the students.

For more information, contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email rwestmoreland@mac.com.

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Artwork by Addison Manning

Artwork by Skylar Nucose

Artwork by Micah Hart

Artwork by Ryan Rico

Artwork by Mercedes Milligan

Student creativity catches fire during Summer Arts Academy

ADA, Okla. - For the fifth year, the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) succeeded in igniting the creativity of students. It may also have changed some young lives.

Deena Lemons said her son Ryan May returned from CSAA with new goals and a new outlook.

"The academy had a major impact on him," Ms. Lemons said. "He is now much more confident in himself and his abilities."

Ryan was one of nearly 140 students, ages eight to 19, who attended the rigorous academy July 20-31 on the campus of East Central University in Ada.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, CSAA provides Chickasaw students the opportunity to learn and grow in nine artistic disciplines while receiving guidance and instruction from professional artists.

"This is an opportunity for students interested in the arts to gain valuable experience from highly qualified and professional instructors in each field," said Lona Barrick, Division of Arts and Humanities administrator.

During the academy, instructors provide detailed and culturally sensitive guidance in several disciplines including music composition, literary arts, visual arts, video production, vocal music, dance, drama and the new addition of textile design.

Classes are offered on two levels. Level II classes are designed for advanced students who "major" in certain disciplines. Level I Fine Arts Rotation allows younger students to gain experience in several categories.

Each of the Fine Arts Rotation students is assigned to one of five clans - Bird Clan, Raccoon Clan, Bear Clan, Panther Clan and Wolf Clan. Besides the friendships they built within their clans, the young artists mature in familiar forms of their own artistic abilities, as well as discovering new ones.

"I love the arts academy because I like to do art, make stuff and express myself," said Madyson Mitchell of the Panther Clan.

"I love everything about it."

Instructors for the Level I Fine Arts Rotation were Phoebe Price, Dance; Krista Lynn Williams-Clark, Theatre; Eric Hardison, Visual Arts; and Mika Hinson, Vocal Music.

Level II instructors were Deborah J. Dobbins, Visual Arts 2-D; Phillip Berryhill, Vocal Music; Robbie Blair, Video Production; Laura Clark and Jim Wilson, Literary Arts; Bret Jones and Lei Rumley, Theater; Trina Jones, Visual Arts 3-D; Bailey Stufflebean, Dance; Margaret Roach Wheeler, Textile Design; and Composer-In-Residence Jerod Tate, Music Composition.

Dance major Ryanne Jordan finds CSAA's creative environment inspiring.

"What I like most is the love of art that fills the air," she said.

Dylan Bennett, who majored in Literary Arts, echoed Ryanne's statement.

"There is a variety of artistic passion that engulfs each student," he said.

On July 30-31, the academy wrapped with the CSAA Showcases at ECU's Dorothy Summers Theatre.

During the showcases, a packed house was treated to a gallery walk and reception, featuring the visual art works as well as performances by the Theatre, Vocal Music and Dance Students.

Video Production majors presented their piece, "Channel Surfing." Literary Arts students read excerpts from their works, and a string quartet performed the works composed by the Music Composition students.

This year, a finale was performed that included all academy students.

Since its inception in 2005, CSAA has experienced consistent growth in both numbers and service area.

"We have participants coming from seven states," said Laura Stewart, CSAA co-director.

Co-director Debra Bailey said the growth is encouraging.

"The response has just been phenomenal," she said.

The Division of Arts and Humanities is hard at work addressing the widespread interest in CSAA. Ideas include extending the academy's discipline base and year-round art classes for all ages.

"We look forward to the vital impact that art will play in the lives of CSAA participants for years to come," Ms. Barrick said.

The admission process for CSAA begins each spring. For more information about future academies, log on to www.chickasaw.net or contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580)272-5520.

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Dylan Bennett and Katy Duty during a Music Composition class.

Textile Design major Madelyn Duty.

Instructor Mika Hinson leads Level I students in a Vocal Music exercise.

$5,000 in prize money for artists

Southeastern Art show application deadline is Sept. 15

The application deadline for the 2009 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) in Tishomingo, Okla., is Tuesday, Sept. 15. More than $5,000 in prize money will be awarded, including a $1,000 cash prize for the Best In Show winner and $1,000 in total prize money for Youth winners.

Adults and youth from any Southeastern or Woodland tribe are encouraged to enter the competition in the two-dimensional or three-dimensional categories.

Artists may enter up to two works per category up to a total of four entries.

The youth artist competition is open to students entering grades nine through 12 in the 2009-2010 school year.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities during the tribe's 49th Annual Meeting and 21st Chickasaw Festival, the juried art competition and market will be conducted one day only this year, Saturday, Oct. 3 on the tribe's historic capitol grounds in Tishomingo.

SEASAM art awards will be presented at 6 p.m. at the Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony and Reception Tuesday, Sept. 29 at the McSwain Theatre, 130 W. Main in Ada

Participating artists will display their work in the SEASAM tent on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Application forms, entry rules and additional information can be found on the Chickasaw Nation website at www.chickasaw.net or by contacting the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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BIRTHS

Brayden Dean Johnson

Brian and Christina Johnson, of Playa Del Ray, Calif., announce the birth of their first child, **Brayden Dean Johnson**. Brayden was born July 10, 2009 at Santa Monica, Calif. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

Proud grandparents are Bob and Colleen Johnson, of Ada, Okla., and Hernan and Barbara Cardona, of Henderson, Nev.

Brayden is the great-grandson of the late Mulford Johnson, an original enrollee.

Brayden was born on the birthday of his late cousin, Lonnie Johnson.

Dekayla Maria Sanchez

Dekayla Maria Sanchez was born Aug. 8, 2009 at 6:35 p.m. at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. She weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

Dekayla is the daughter of Victor and Darla Sanchez.

She is the granddaughter of Linda Daggs, of Maud, Okla., the late William Daggs, and Antonio and Maria Sanchez, of Seminole, Okla.

Reese Elizabeth Proper

Reese Elizabeth Proper was born July 16, 2009 at Carl Albert Indian Hosptial, Ada, Okla. She weighed 9 lbs., 3.4 oz., and measured 21.4 inches at birth.

Reese is the daughter of Marty and Rachel Proper.

She is the granddaughter of Lynn and Kathy Cronemiller and the great-granddaughter of Wanda Rochelle and the late Gene Rochelle.

She is the niece of Dr. Tina Cooper, Reba Rochelle and Robin Rochelle.

Jaxon West Burris

Weston and Macileigh Burris, of Albuquerque, announce the birth of their son, **Jaxon West Burris**. Jaxon was born at 4:41 p.m., May 9, 2009 at Lovelace Women's Hospital, Albuquerque. He weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 19 ½ inches at birth.

He is the grandson of Ronnie and Tahrahn Burris, of Spring Branch, Texas and Larry and Dale Sanders, of Grandview, Texas. He is the great-grandson of Charles and Tahwahnah James, of Bedford, Texas, Wade and Jean Burris, of Hurst, Texas, and Betty Workman, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Special aunts include Ronda Burris, of Stephenville, Texas, Marijke Leibel, of Albuquerque and Monica Flippin, of Cleburne, Texas.

Mindy Grace Chapman

Mindy Grace Chapman was born June 9, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

Mindy is the daughter of David and Holly Chapman.

She is the granddaughter of Lawrence D. and Vivian Chapman and Susan K. Chapman.

She is the great-granddaughter of Virgina H Chapman and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Winnie L. Blocker, an original enrollee.

She is the niece of Lawrence Paul and Shawna Chapman.

The family wishes all the love and happiness to David, Holly and Mindy.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times.*

Customer Service Survey Winner!

Congratulations to Carey Frazier, of Ada, Okla., for winning our quarterly customer service survey $100 prize!

Thank you to all who completed our Customer Service

Customer Survey Winner Survey through the internet and remember we will be having our next drawing soon. Hope to hear from each and everyone of you.

To enter go to www.chickasaw. net and click on the link for customer service surveys.

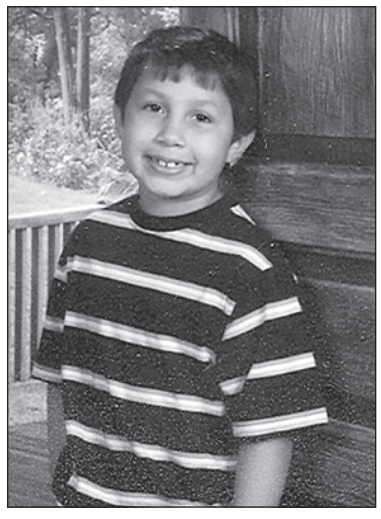
BIRTHDAYS

Brycen Rhay Smith

Brycen Rhay Smith celebrated his first birthday August 5, 2009 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, Ada, with family and friends. His party theme was Construction Pals.

Brycen is the son of Brute and Chrissy Smith.

His is the grandson of Richie and Tina Pogue, Debbie Smith and the late Hershel Smith.



Isaiah Little

Isaiah Little turned eight Aug. 14. He celebrated with a trip to Six Flags and a Texas Rangers baseball game on Aug. 15.

Those attending with Isaiah and helping celebrate were his parents, Wesley and Denise Little, his sister, Courtney Little, his uncles, Dennis and Rick Walker, his aunt Yauna, his cousins, Rayla and Trenton Davis, and Kamry, Tiffany, Steffany and Dakota Walker.

Following his trip to Texas his parents hosted a baseball theme dinner with cake and ice cream at their home in Byng, Okla.

Isaiah is a second grade student at Francis Elementary School, Byng, Okla.

He is the grandson of Jim and Darlene Little, of Asher, Okla., and the late Rev. Jimmy and Ella Walker.

Jordyn D'Lynn Washington

Jordyn Da'Lynn Washington will celebrate her first birthday Sept. 10, 2009. She is the daughter of Jacqueline Taylor and Curt Washington, of McAlester, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Cindy Taylor and Jimmy Reeder, of Coalgate, Okla., Sheron Washington, of Detroit, Mich., and Curtis Washington, Sr., of Stringtown, Okla.

Jordyn is the little sister of Alexis Futischa, of McAlester.

Her family wishes her a very happy first birthday! She is our little princess.

Cindy Taylor

Cindy Taylor will celebrate her birthday Sept. 13, 2009.

She is the daughter of Mary Smith, of Olney, Okla., and the late Jack Taylor. She is the granddaughter of the late Irene and the late Uel Hampton, of Olney, and the late Rosa Lee and the late John Cecil Taylor.

Ms. Taylor is the mother of Jacqueline Taylor, of McAlester, Joey Nichols, of Stringtown, Okla., and the late Shena Taylor. She is the loving grandmother of Alexis "Alicat" Futischa and Jordyn Washington, both of McAlester.

Her family wishes her a happy birthday!

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Alexis Futischa

Alexis honored for her volunteer work

A little Chickasaw girl has recently been honored for her volunteer efforts on behalf of the American Legion.

Alexis Futischa, a six-year-old from Coalgate, Okla., was named Junior Member of the Year and Junior Volunteer of the Year during the American Legion Auxiliary Oklahoma state convention in July.

Alexis contributed over 400 voluteer hours for 2008-2009.

She was also recognized as the Oklahoma State Poppy Princess. The sale of poppies is an annual fundraiser conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Some of Alexis' volunteer activities included visiting veterans in nursing homes, cleaning parks and roadsides, riding in parades, making food for events and attending unit, district and state meetings.

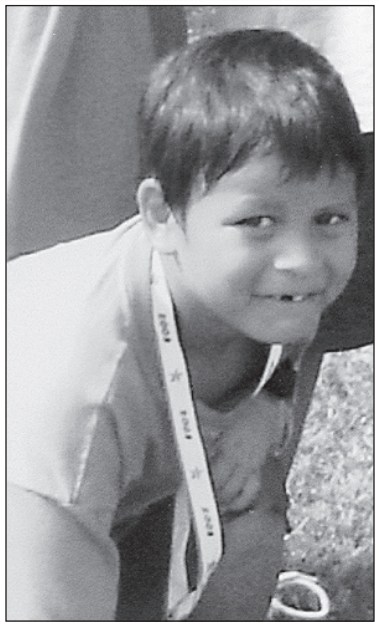
Alexis is the daughter of Jacki Taylor and Curt Washington.

Her grandparents are Cindy Taylor and Jimmy Reeder, of Coalgate.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the public affairs department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.



Trey Wilson

Trey Wilson takes gold at Muscogee Olympics

Trey Wilson won a gold medal at the 35th Annual Muscogee Nation Junior Olympics, June 19 at Okmulgee, Okla. Trey, a Chickasaw, is five years old and a kindergartener at Bearden (OK) Elementary.

Trey won the medal in boys 5-6 year-old 400-meter relay. He also competed in the tug of war and 50-meter dash.

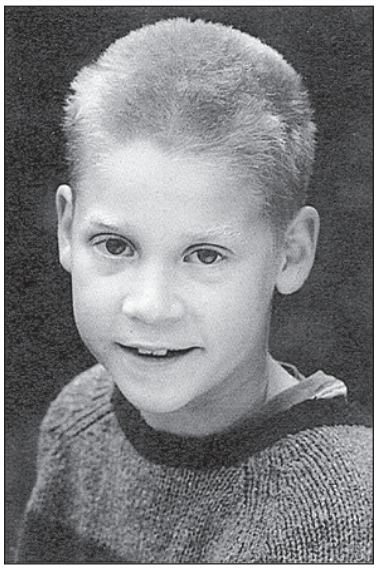
He competed with the Okfuskee team formerly coached by Farron Culley, his late great-uncle.

The Okfuskee team paid tribute to Mr. Culley during the opening ceremonies with a banner and a memoriam on each of the athletes shirt. Team members also wore small black ribbons in honor of their coach. Mr. Culley coached teams of 60 or more athletes for 24 years.

Mr. Culley, a longtime Chickasaw Nation employee, died in 2008 of cancer.

Trey is the son of D.J. and Sarah Wilson, of Okemah, Okla. He is the grandson of Tim and Neva harjochee, of Ada, Okla., and Lisa Wilson, of Tulsa.

This was Trey's first competition. We are very proud of you Trey!



Wyatt Coe

Wyatt keeping busy with many activities

Wyatt Coe is the son of Robyn and Wayne Coe, of Chatham N.Y.

He is 12 years old and attends the Waldorf Private School. Wyatt is a pitcher for his baseball team, rides the unicycle, skateboards at the rink, downhill skis in winter, and plays an exceptional flute.

Wyatt is the grandson of Robert and Faye Perry.

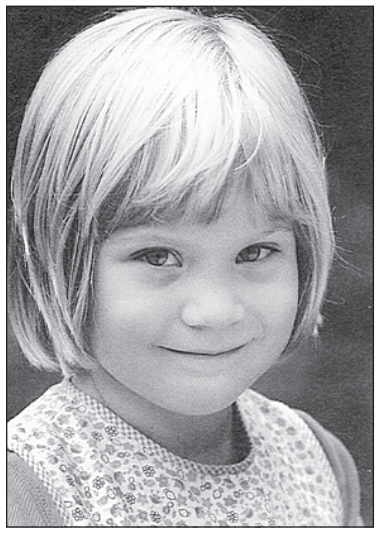
Laura Coe

NY girl discovers fun of powwow dancing

Laura Coe is the daughter of Robyn and Wayne Coe, of Chatham N.Y.

She is nine years old and attends the Waldorf Private School. Laura writes poetry, does exceptional beadwork, crochets, rides the unicycle, downhill skis in winter, plays beautiful violin and Jingle Dress dances at Powwows.

Laura is the granddaughter of Robert and Faye Perry.



Juliet Coe

Juliet likes beadwork, climbing trees

Juliet Coe is the daughter of Robyn and Wayne Coe, of Chatham, N.Y.

She is six years old and attends the Waldorf Private School. Juliet does beadwork, designs and makes jewelry, crochets, is the best tree climber is school, loves to dance and plays excellent piano.

Juliet is the granddaughter of Robert and Faye Perry.

Horton receives 'Roads Scholar' certificate

Shawn Horton, center, receives Road Scholar certificate from Center for Local Government Technology director Doug Wright, left, and Mike Hinkston.

Shawn Horton, Special Projects Coordinator for The Chickasaw Nation, recently became certified in the County Roads Scholar Program offered through the Local Technical Assistance program (LTAP) at Oklahoma State University.

Mr. Horton, a Chickasaw, received a Certificate of Completion at the Roads Scholar presentation ceremony July 14, during the Association of County Commissioners Meeting at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City.

The County Roads Scholar Program, began in Oklahoma in 1993. It is an educational series designed specifically for County Commissioners, County Road Foremen, City Public

Works Officials and other County Road employees.

The program's purpose is to provide these individuals with a basic education in civil engineering-related and other technical aspects of their jobs. It consists of nine courses, totaling more than 120 hours, all of which relate to road and bridge maintenance, construction, and repair.

These courses include Aggregate Road Maintenance, Excavation Safety, Testing for

Soil Properties, Comprehensive MUTCD, Basic and Advanced Surveying, Equipment Maintenance; Project Management, and Plan Reading.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Adrian Ahtone

Adrian Ahtone named football camp MVP

A Chickasaw youth has recently been honored for his performance at summer football camp.

Adrian Ahtone, 14, was named Most Valuable Player during the fourth annual Mini-Summer Youth Football Camp in Duncanville, Texas. The camp is operated by former Dallas Cowboy and current Buffalo Bills receiver Terrell Owens.

Adrian was credited with completing tasks well, running ability, outstanding effort and overall improvement.

Adrian is the son of Tahda Ahtone, Norman, Okla., and the grandson of Mary Ahtone, Byng, Okla.

He is a descendant of original enrollee Solomon Homer.

Letter to the Editor

Trenton Way wanted to thank the Chickasaw Nation for a great summer. He enjoyed all the programs he got to go to and wanted to thank the staff of the golf, archery, martial arts, the children's choir and Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo. He learned alot, had fun and made new friends. Trenton goes to Zaneis School and lives in Healdton with his mother, Amy Way and his great-grandmother, Maxine Salyer.

Thank you

Cole Meeks

Chickasaw hurler signs with Ottawa University

OTTAWA, Kan. - Ottawa University's baseball program has announced the signing of Cole Meeks to a letter of intent for the 2009-2010 school year. Cole is a Chickasaw from Tuttle, Okla.

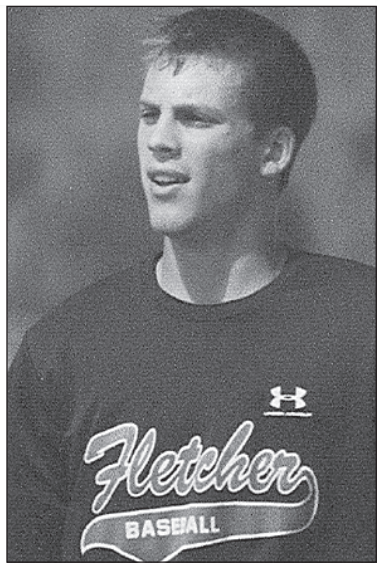
Cole, a pitcher, was a four-year letter man winner in baseball and earned three letters in basketball for the Broncos. He helped the Broncos to the 2009 Home School World Series and to a West Regional Championships.

In 2008 the Broncos were HWSA World Series Runners-up and earned a West Region Championship. In 2007, Cole helped the Broncos to the 2007 KCAA Tournament Championship and helped them to the 2007 HWSA Tournament National Qualifier.

Cole was selected in 2007 to the KCAA All-Tournament team and spent the summers of his junior and senior year playing for the OKC Ambassador Baseball team.

"Cole is an exciting signee for the Braves Baseball program, Ottawa coach Joe Reed said. He is a strong right-hand pitcher who has had a very successful high school career in the Oklahoma City area that looks to get even better through college."

Cole is the son of Kevin and Janice Meeks. He is the grandson of Don and Laruth Meeks, of Byng, Okla. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee Bygime (Perry) Parker.



Taylor Smith

Senior participates in Legion ball, Boys State

A Chickasaw ballplayer participated in American Legion baseball this summer and also attended American Legion Boys State.

Taylor Smith, a senior at Fletcher (OK) High School, is a left-handed pitcher, center fielder and first baseman. Following a tryout, he was selected to play with the Lawton/Fort Sill Colonels American Legion team. The team played in tournaments across Oklahoma, as well as Kansas and Nebraska.

Taylor was also selected by the American Legion Chandler-Bilyeu Post 306 of Fletcher to attend Boys State this summer.

The theme of this year's Boys State was "To All Who Have Served." The delegates participated in an intensive week of discovery of civic duty, citizenship and the American way of life.

Taylor is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and the National Honor Society.

Taylor is the son of Coy and Michelle Davis, of Fletcher, and Jimmy Smith, of Lawton.

He is the grandson of Mike and Sandy Berry, of Noble, Okla.

WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Agee

Greenwood, Agee exchange vows in Alabama

Beth Greenwood and Jackson Tanner Agee were married March 26, 2009 in Lauderdale County, Alabama.

The wedding was on an island in the Tennessee River.

The bride is a 2008 graduate of the University of North Alabama, where she earned her degree in recreation and marketing. She works for the Florence-Lauderdale County Travel and Tourism office.

The groom will graduate from the University of North Alabama in December with degrees in education and biology.

The couple is at home in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Mrs. Agee is the daughter of Tony and Lucille Greenwood, of Vinemont, Ala. She is the granddaughter of Sim and June Greenwood, of Ada, Okla., and the late Nora Beth Greenwood and June Pruitt, Wewoka, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Nicey Hawkins.

Local volleyball team

Back row from left, Dave Thorn, Joey Berger, Tim Harjochee and Terrell Coon. Front row from left, Sheila Davis, Neva Harjochee and Sarah Wilson

Pvt. Jessie Sampson

Pvt. Jessie Sampson completes basic

U.S. Army Pvt. Jessie W. Sampson, a Chickasaw, has graduated from basic training.

His courses included, basic combat training, Fort Sill, Okla.; motor operator transport, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; and basic airbourne training at Fort Benning, Ga.

Pvt. Sampson is a motor transport operator with the 173rd Airbourne Brigade. He is stationed at Camp Ederle in Italy.

He is the son of Paula and Bobby Thomas, of Ardmore, Okla.

Joe Thomas

Joe Thomas completes Washington internship

A Chickasaw university student has recently completed a summer internship with the federal government.

Joe Thomas, a University of Oklahoma junior, interned with the U.S. Department of Interior office of Indian Energy and Economic Development loan guarantee program.

Mr. Thomas dedicated much of his time to contacting tribes across the country and providing information on the program. He also designed the current pamphlet the agency uses to promote the loan program.

During his internship, Mr. Thomas attended federal Indian policy class at American University in Washington. He also flew to Albuquerque to attend the Wind and Solar Energy conference.

The internship was part of the Washington Internships for Native Students program (WINS). A total of 91 Indian students participated in government internships through the WINS program.

Mr. Thomas also participated in the WINS Honor Dance during which he sang "Amazing Grace" in the Choctaw language and said the opening prayer for the powwow.

He is majoring in Native American Studies at OU. He hopes to work as a Choctaw language instructor and track and field coach.

He is the son of Billy Joe and Carrolen Thomas, of McAlester, Okla.

He is the grandson of the late Joe and Ona Thomas, and Oliver and Hattie Mae Keel Chasteen.

Chickasaw-owned business named 'Business of the Year' by Wagoner Area Chamber of Commerce

A Chickasaw-owned business has recently been honored.

Simmons Healthgard Drugs received the Business of the Year Award from the Wagoner Area Chamber of Commerce, Wagoner, Okla.

The business was honored during the chamber's annual banquet in April.

Simmons Healthgard Drugs owner Steve Chase is a Chickasaw citizen.

He is the son of Danny and LaVeta Young Chase.

Enjoying Chickasaw Hall of Fame

Governor Bill Anoatubby, Little Miss Chickasaw Chelsea Wedlow and John Herrington during the August Chickasaw Hall of Fame Banquet.

ANNIVERSARY

Russell and Sue McCreary

McCrearys celebrate 55th anniversary

Russell and Sue McCreary, of Waco, Texas, recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Celebrating with them were son, Dickie, son, Greg and wife, Glenda, and twin granddaughters, Jennifer and Jordan.

The McCrearys met while attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla. They were married August 21, 1954 in Marietta, Okla.

Mr. McCreary is a retired oil jobber and Mrs. McCreary is a retired educator.

Mr. McCreary is the grandson of original Chickasaw enrollee, Mose George Downing.

Boiling Springs Church youth group enjoys Branson trip

Front row from left, Anna Mae Palmer, Kele Parnacher and Jairus Smith. Second row from left, Mary Jane Smith, Shelly Bray, Geneva Holman, Shelbey Parnacher, Thirkiel Wedlow, Michael Alexander, Kanan Wisdom, Chelsea Wedlow, and Debra Wisdom. Third row from left, Ramona Miller, Corey Wigmon, Mandy Bennett, Allison Frazier, Pastor Jeff Frazier, Betty Frazier, Briana Smith, Phillis McCarty, Rachel Wedlow, Susan Alexander, Haskell Alexander and Lynie Richardson. Back row from left, Jared Alexander, Jerry McCarty, Craig Parnacher, Stan Smith and Devin Wigmon. Not pictured, Sheila Bennett, Laura Watson, Shannon Parnacher, Osborne Roberts and Christine Roberts. Inset Kelbey Parnacher.

Boiling Springs United Methodist Church located in Lula, Okla., recently sent its Sunday school youth group to Branson, Missouri for the annual summer vacation trip.

All year, church members had fundraisers such as food sales, garage sales, breakfast buffets and raffles to raise money for the trip. The kids' group also received numerous financial donations from several individuals and organizations whom are held dearly close to Boiling Springs' heart and are greatly appreciated.

The church raised enough money to cover all expenses for the entire group making the trip. The highlight of the trip was the group attending the live show "Noah The Musical" at the Branson Sight & Sound Theatre. During the trip swimming, recreation, good food, family entertainment and Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Boiling Springs Church feels extremely blessed to have the opportunity and support to treat church members to this amazing trip.

Those members making the trip included Stan Mary, Briana and Jarius Smith, Anna Mae Palmer, Church Pastor, Jeff, Betty and Allison Frazier, Haskell, Susan, Jared and Michael Alexander, Shelly Bray, Debra and Kanan Wisdom, Craig, Shannon, Shelbey, Kele and Kelbey Parnacher, Jerry and Phillis McCarty, Devin Corey Wigmon, Laura Watson, Rachel, Thirkiel and Chelsea Wedlow, Lynie Richardson, Ramona Miller, Sheila and Mandy Bennett, Geneva Holman and Osborne and Christine Roberts.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Dee Ann Gray

Chickasaw conductor to complete graduate degree this fall

A Chickasaw music teacher and graduate student will complete her coursework for a master's degree this fall.

Dee Ann Gray, of Lexington, Kentucky, will earn a master's degree in music from the University of Kentucky.

Mrs. Gray graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1984 and dedicated a number of years following to teaching in Texas, Alabama, Florida and Kentucky. She was accepted into the UK master's degree program with emphasis in choral conducting. Last year she was awarded a pre-doctoral assistantship.

She has worked as assistant conductor of the University Chorale and the UK Women's Choir. She worked with both groups during performances at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and during a June concert tour to Italy.

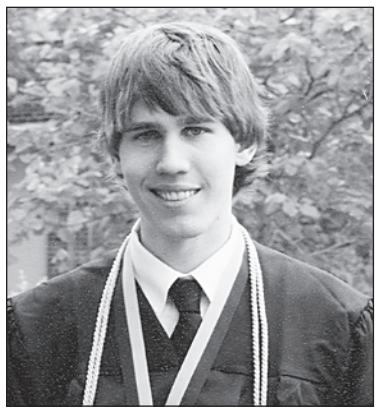
Mrs. Gray's education has been supplemented by the Chickasaw Higher Education scholarship program, laptop computer program, grade incentives and clothing grant.

Mrs. Gray said she was grateful for the opportunities she has received and considers her educational experiences at UK invaluable.

Her master's conducting recital in March featured string trio, organ, and soloists performing Haydn's "Missa Sancti Nicolai."

Mrs. Gray said she looked forward to helping students reach their full musical potential.

She and husband Steve live in Lexington with their daughter, Emily.



Joshua Bryant

Bryant awarded Olsen, Holland Medals at H-S

A Chickasaw honor student has recently been recognized for his academic achievements.

Joshua Bryant, of Austin, Texas, was awarded the 2009 Julius Olsen Medal by Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. The medal was established in 1914 by Dr. and Mrs. Julius Olsen in memory of their son.

The Olsen Medal is awarded annually at Spring Commencement to the graduate who has achieved the highest grade point average, has exemplified the highest scholary achievements and has completed at least 90 semester hours of credit at Hardin-Simmons.

Mr. Bryant was named to the President's List each of his eight semesters at Hardin-Simmons and maintained a 4.0 grade point average. He was honored with a Presidential Scholarship and also received the Sanderson, Lacewell and Holland scholarships in chemistry.

He was awarded the Holland Medal as the top chemistry graduate of 2009.

He is a member of Gamma Beta Phi service fraternity and has served as a departmental tutor for chemistry, biology and mathematics. He also worked with Nehemiah Project at University Baptist Church.

Mr. Bryant is continuing his studies the fall at the University of Texas where he is working toward a master's degree in biochemistry.

He is the son of Gordon and Debbie Bryant, of Amarillo, Texas.

He is the grandson of Harold and Jodie McCreary, Burneyville, Okla., and Dale and Norma Bryant, Cedar Hill, Texas.

Hannah Landreth

Adele Levine

Chickasaw high school students participate in Native health care career youth initiative

Two Chickasaw high school students with interests in health care careers recently participated in a program that introduces Indian students to the world of health professions.

Hannah Landreth, of Jenks (OK) High School, and Adele Levine, of Newton (MA) North High School were among 60 Indian students who attended the 12th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative. This event is a nine-day program in Washington, D.C.

"We expose them to a variety of health careers," program director Lucinda Myers said. "The summer program allows them to visit national health organizations and academic institutions."

The mission of the program is to encourage Indian youth to enter health professions and biomedical research.

Hannah, 18, and Adele, 16, toured the National Institutes of Health, the Office of Minority Health and George Washington School of Medicine.

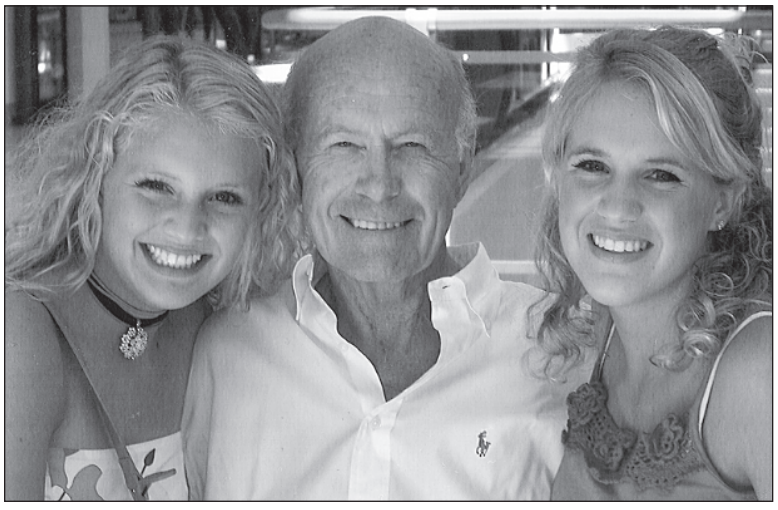
They also attended lectures and interactive workshops with physicians, researchers and educators in the field of medicine.

"These are successful Native Americans who serve as role models and mentors," Myers said. "They inspire the students to continue their educations and set their goals high."

The youth initiative has directed scholarships to more than 600 Indian students over the past decade. Students ages 16 to 18 may apply.

For more information, go to www.aaip.org/?page=NNAYI or call 1-800-943-4299.

Chickasaw attorney marks 50 years in law with parachute jump



Barry Simms with his granddaughters, Macy Maddux and Maddy Maddux.

A Chickasaw attorney recently celebrated 50 years of law practice in an unusual way.

Barry R. Simms, an Oklahoma City attorney, in July received his 50-year certificate from the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Mr. Simms, 76, celebrated by parachuting from an airplane with his granddaughters, Macy Maddux and Maddy Maddux, of Louisville, Kentucky.

"You're never too old or too young," Mr. Simms said.

Mr. Simms is the son of original enrollee Irene Spencer and the grandson of Elizabeth Law.

Bernie Seeley recognized by Honor Guard

Chickasaw tribal legislator Katie Case and Chickasaw Honor Guard member Will Johnson present Honor Guard President Bernie Seeley with a plaque at a July 6, 2009 meeting. Mr. Seeley was recognized for his excellence in leadership and dedication to the organization.

Interns serve in government, business roles

Exceptional Chickasaw students serve summer internships

Chickasaw intern Rebecca Biggs with Governor Bill Anoatubby during internship orientation. Ms. Biggs lived in Washington, D.C., and served an internship with the Office of Violence Against Woman.

Chickasaw intern Dustin Newport with Governor Bill Anoatubby during internship orientation. Mr. Newport served an internship with before interning at Bank2 in Oklahoma City. Marcy Gray

Each semester, a number of Chickasaw students are selected to participate in the Chickasaw Nation Internship Program. Students engage in internship opportunities across the United States.

This summer, 20 young Chickasaws engaged in internships across the country.

Students gain hands-on experience in areas of career interests associated with their college majors. The experience assists students in determining future career paths.

Chickasaw student Rebecca Biggs spent her summer interning with the Office of Violence Against Woman in Washington, D.C. Ms. Biggs is a psychology and communications major at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

"I wanted to gain more knowledge about different cultures," Ms. Biggs said. "It is such a different culture in D.C., and just to gain the experience and life lessons from other people is a great opportunity. The internship puts you out there and you gain more knowledge about what it is like to be in the real world with a job."

Lorraine P. Edmo, Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs in the Office of Violence Against Women enjoyed Ms. Biggs as an intern.

"Rebecca has been a tremendous help, not only with the tribal unit but with other units in the Office of Violence Against Women," said Ms. Edmo. "She is always willing to lend a helping hand and we appreciate her work ethic and initiative. We hope that she might consider working in our office in the future."

University of Oklahoma senior Dustin Newport interned in the commercial loan department for Bank2 in Oklahoma City throughout the summer. Bank2 is owned by the Chickasaw Nation.

"It was a great learning experience assisting in the loan department," Mr. Newport said. "I obtained real, hands-on work experience and I look forward to opportunities with Bank2 in the future."

Bank2 President and CEO Ross Hill said he believed Dustin had great potential.

"Dustin is one of the most outstanding young men I have ever had the privilege to know and work with," said Mr. Hill. "He is bright, energetic and thankful for the opportunities life has given to him. I believe Dustin could one day be president of Bank2."

Internship sites include the U.S. Department of Energy, the National Transportation Safety Board, the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Indian Education Association in Washington D.C., and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Cleveland, as well as Chickasaw Nation facilities in Ada, Oklahoma City, Norman, and Purcell, Okla.

The tribe provides each student intern with a six- to eight-week internship opportunity, bi-weekly pay, one round-trip airline ticket to the intern site and housing accommodations.

The program provides internship opportunities several times during the year. Students apply and are chosen by a selection committee. The tribal Division of Education staff works with the student and employer to determine internship timelines and specifics.

To qualify for the program, applicants must complete an internship application and submit all documentation to the Chickasaw Nation Internship Program coordinator. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 25 and be a full-time Chickasaw college student enrolled as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student.

For more information, contact the Internship coordinator Chenae Lippard at (580) 421-7711, chenae.lippard@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Shooting clinic conducted by Lighthorse Police officers

Chickasaw youth were right on target at the second annual Tanumpo Hosa Apisa, "Shooting Clinic," at the Lighthorse Police Department in Ada, Okla.

This year's clinic had an excellent turnout with over 40 youth, ages 12 to 18, participating in a full day of marksmanship training led by Lighthorse Maj. George Jesse, Aug. 5 through 7.

"This is a very unique camp that allows the kids the opportunity to learn gun safety and responsibility in a controlled environment while learning proper shooting technique," Maj. Jesse said. "I think the kids really enjoy this year's camp and competition."

The camp was designed to give participants the opportunity to practice Olympic-style shooting using equivalent-sized targets and distances while performing with high-powered air rifles and pistols.

Maj. Jesse focused on breathing exercises, body positioning and posture, safety precautions, and the basics of handling, loading and firing a weapon.

Rickey Stanford takes aim during Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Shooting Clinic).

Participants were allowed to practice for several hours throughout the day, shooting from a distance of 10 meters. A partner would spot the target through binoculars, helping the shooter adjust his shot for accuracy.

Instructors guided the youth throughout the day, giving them helpful tips and demonstrations to allow campers to get a feel for what the proper shot feels like.

The highlight of the day was a marksmanship competition among the campers. Campers competed with rifles and pistols to achieve a combined overall score based on shooting accuracy.

First-time camper Sequoyah Lindsey took home the top honors achieving remarkable accuracy for a beginner, scoring 91 points out of a 100 in the rifle division and a 74 out of a 100 with the pistol.

"I have only shot a gun one time before today," Sequoyah said. "The camp was very helpful and I really learned a lot from the instructors on how to breathe and shoot properly. It was a great experience and something I really want to do again."

This year's shooting clinic was conducted as three one-day camps with different participants attending each day.

The three individual camps allowed for a smaller group size and giving the instructors a chance to offer more personal one on one training for the youth in attendance.

"The camp teaches the kids discipline, concentration and time management that they can translate into other aspects of their life and gives the kids a new hobby that they may not get to normally experience," said Seth Tinsley, tribal Division of Youth and Family Services camp instructor.

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WinStar plays host to national Native event

Team Chickasaw players perform well at First Nations tourney

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - Six members of Team Chickasaw golf team hit the links at the 2009 First Nations Golf Association (FNGA) National Native Youth Golf Championship, hosted by WinStar Golf Course August 4, 5 and 6.

Thirty-one young golfers from across the U.S., representing a host of Native tribes, qualified in various regional meets to participate in the tournament.

Jerrad Wilkins takes a swing at the National Tournament. Jerrad placed second in the 13-15 year-old division.

Overall, three members of Team Chickasaw placed in the national event.

In the boy's Hawk division (ages 13-15), Team Chickasaw's Jerrad Wilkins placed second and Austin McNeil was third.

Team Chickasaw member Madeline Jack placed third in the girl's Hawk division.

Other Team Chickasaw members who participated in the tournament included Tyler McCollom and Chris McClendon in the 16-18 year-old division and Jayson Hogland in the 13-15 year-old division.

Chris Alford, Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family recreations coordinator, said even though Team Chickasaw was a young team, all team members showed improvement.

"Our (Chickasaw) kids played well," he said. "Most scored better the second day than the first day, which is always a good sign."

He added the event gave team members valuable experience on the greens.

"It is a great experience for our Native American youth to be able to have a national tournament designed strictly for them," Alford said. "The tournament is a venue for the youth to participate in. It gives them a chance to compete with others in their age group and allows them the opportunity to compete in a tournament with youth from all around the United States."

Alford said the event had grown each year.

"The national tournament had a good turnout this year, about double the number of participants than last year," he said.

Alford thanked FNGA tour members Ben Coffee and Bruce Palmer for lending their expertise to Team Chickasaw and mentoring the young players during the tournament. The men are also coaches at the summer Chickasaw Nation Golf Camp.

Along with the tournament play, a career education fair and golf clinic was also conducted.

Tribes represented included Chickasaw, Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Prairie Band Potawatomi, Seminole Nation, Creek Nation, Mississippi Choctaw, Choctaw Nation, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, Pueblo of Laguna, Shoshone, Paiute, Mono, Navajo, Western Cherokee and Pechanga Band of Luiseno.

The championship was played at WinStar Golf Course for the second consecutive year.

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Madeline Jack, Team Chickasaw, at the National Golf Tournament.

Team Chickasaw member Jayson Hogland lines up a putt at the 2009 First Nations Golf Association National Native Youth Golf Championship, hosted by WinStar Golf Course August 4, 5 and 6. Mike McKee

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Raising a child takes care, love - and financial support

Child Support Awareness Month a celebration of nurturing children

Dozens of children looked upward as green balloons filled the sky. The balloon launch symbolized how Child Support Services can raise expectations and benefit a child's life.

"It was really fun, I enjoyed watching the balloons sail through the sky," said one of the young children involved in the launch.

Tribal Youth and Family Services administrator Jay Keel makes opening remarks during the "I Love My Child" walk in the park.

Hosted by The Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services, the event on Aug. 3, at Ada Head Start kicked off a month-long celebration to recognize National Child Support Awareness Month.

Green is recognized nationally as the color of Child Support Awareness Month to symbolize how money can benefit a child receiving support and make an impact on their life.

Recognition of child support professionals and parents committed to making a difference in the lives of children emotionally and financially were themes throughout the month, during the annual balloon launch, walk in the park, and family fun day.

"Many single parents have been working hard and struggling to afford the necessities in life for their families and when they finally receive the support from a non-custodial parent, it helps them tremendously," said Shannon Parnacher, child support enforcement specialist.

Youth participating in Family Fun Day at the "soak a friend" booth.

National Child Support Awareness Month focuses on the importance of providing financial support for children living with separated parents.

On Aug. 15, participants from Ada and surrounding communities gathered at Wintersmith Park in Ada, Okla., to show their support by walking the trails wearing green shirts made for the occasion.

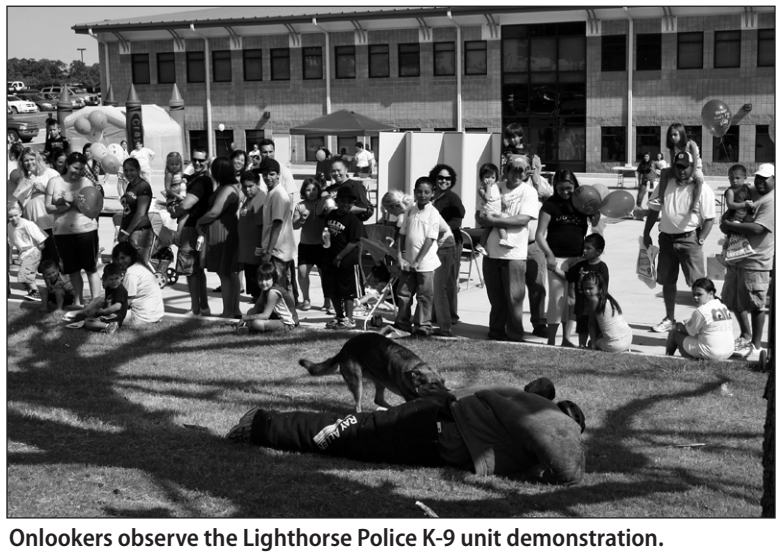
Families enjoyed a day in the park together during and after the walk playing on the playground and in the park to support a positive family environment.

Family fun day was hosted in the parking lot of the tribal Division of Youth and Family Services, Aug. 22, in Ada.

With over 100 people in attendance, there were events for all ages including a moon bounce, face painting, booths providing make and take items, fire and rescue teams, Lighthorse Police, martial arts demonstrations, food and much more.

In 2008, the tribal Department of Child Support Services office collected and distributed more than $5 million in child support from non-custodial parents.

The goal of Child Support Services is to locate non-custodial parents, establish paternity, and aid in setting up child support payments and enforcement to the custodial parent through the tribal or state court systems.



Onlookers observe the Lighthorse Police K-9 unit demonstration.

The Department offers paternity testing and establishment through genetic DNA testing or establishment through legal processes and investigative services that will locate an absent parent using information databases and up-to-date computer systems. The Department can transfer cases pending in State court if requested.

"Our goal is to help Native American children and parents receive the necessary financial and emotional support from both parents and to ensure the children are aware of their biological parents so they have a connection to their traditions, culture, and heritage," said Department director Cassandra McGilbray.

Once paternity is established, Child Support Services can help parents or children in foster care file temporary child support orders, modify existing child support orders, mediation, and seek final child support orders.

Enforcement of child support payments, once established, through processing income assignments, initiating court hearings for contempt, suspending driver's, professional, or hunting and gaming licenses, and intercepting tax refunds are applied.

The Department has an assigned Lighthorse Police investigator who is responsible for serving bench warrants on parents with delinquent child support payments.

"The Chickasaw Nation works hard to provide the best opportunities for children and families," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby, "By taking part in Child Support Awareness Month we can continue to keep children and families our top priority."

All Chickasaw citizens or Native American children eligible for enrollment with a federally-recognized tribe whose absent parent is Native American or employed by a tribe and are within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries are eligible for service through Child Support Services.

Families with a divorce or child support order from tribal court and Chickasaw citizens at large are accepted on a case-by-case basis.

For more information on Child Support Services programs and services or for an application visit 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, Okla., or call (580) 436-3419/ toll free 866-431-3419. Applications for Child Support Services programs and services can also be found online at www.chickasaw.net.

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Participants launching balloons during the kick off to Child Support Awareness month.

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Chickasaw Foundation announces 2009-2010 scholarship recipients

The Chickasaw Foundation held their 9th Annual Scholarship Reception on July 28, 2009 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada, Oklahoma. The event was held to honor the scholarship recipients as well as the donors. The Chickasaw Nation princesses provided the invocation while the chairman of the Chickasaw Foundation (CF) Board of Trustees, Mr. Kennedy Brown, provided the welcome address. Presenting the awards to the recipients were the CF board members and executive director, Ms. Johnna. R. Walker. Music was provided by local musician, Mr. Rudy Lupinski.

Ryann Tapp

Courtney Alexander

Tracey Hicks

Allison Raborn

Preston McGehee

Emily Cole

Justin Douillard

Andrea Johns

Carson York

Rachel Redman

Mariah Soliz

Listed below are the 2009-2010 Chickasaw Foundation scholarship recipients:

Ataloa Memorial Scholarship – Mr. Ryan Tapp is a freshman at Oklahoma State University majoring in music.

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship – Ms. Courtney Alexander is a junior at East Central University majoring in Native American Studies.

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship – Ms. Tracey Hicks is a senior at East Central University majoring in history.

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship – Ms. Allison Raborn is a junior at Texas A&M University majoring in history.

Bank2 Banking Scholarship – In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton – Mr. Preston McGehee is a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma majoring in accounting.

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship – Ms. Emily Cole is a junior at Oklahoma State University majoring in business.

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship – Mr. Justin Douillard is a freshman at Northeastern State University majoring in business.

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship – Ms. Andrea Johns is a junior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in business administration.

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship – Mr. Carson York is a freshman at Texas A&M University majoring in business administration.

Janie Hardwick Benson Memorial Scholarship – Ms. Rachel Redman is a first year nursing student attending Murray State College.

Codie Bolin

Megan Ridley

Katherine Wallace

Caroline Colbert

Briana Dorrenbacher

Wesley Ross

Jacob Brecht

Melanie Cabaniss

Kevin Farve

Kelsey Nail

Cheyenne Pinkerman

Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship – Ms. Mariah Soliz is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in accounting.

Wilson J. Brown Memorial Scholarship – Mr. Codie Bolin is the first recipient for this newly established scholarship. He is a freshman at Murray State College majoring in criminal justice.

Chickasaw Foundation Career Technology Scholarship – Ms. Megan Ridley is the first recipient of this newly established scholarship. She will be a student at Francis Tuttle Technology Center attending classes for respiratory care.

Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship – Ms. Katherine Wallace is a senior at Mississippi State University majoring in music education with a concentration in piano.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship – Ms. Caroline Colbert is a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma majoring in engineering.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship – Ms. Briana Dorrenbacher is a graduate student at Arizona State University majoring in social work.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship – Mr. Wesley Ross is a freshman at the University of Texas - Arlington pursuing general studies.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Jacob Brecht is a freshman at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in athletic training.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Melanie Cabaniss is a freshman at Oklahoma Baptist University majoring in pre-occupational therapy.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Kevin Farve is a senior at East Central University majoring in Elementary Education.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Kelsey Nail is a freshman at Oklahoma Christian University majoring in biblical studies.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Cheyenne Pinkerman is a freshman at Oklahoma State University majoring in animal science and pre-veterinarian.

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Leslie Wesberry

Heather Pugh

Kayla Ritter

Thomas Ryals

Chelsea Aldridge

Kristen Rose

Stephanie Wilburn

Ryan Postoak

Kayla Meeks

Lauren Conti

Chickasaw Foundation Health Professions Scholarship – Ms. Debra Quintela is a graduate student attending the University of South Alabama studying to be a family nurse practitioner.

Chickasaw Foundation Nonprofit Management Scholarship – Mr. Leslie Wesberry is a freshman at Lon Morris College majoring in business/nonprofit management/banking.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship – Ms. Heather Pugh is a freshman at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in psychology.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship – Ms. Kayla Ritter is a freshman at Cameron University majoring in elementary education.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship – Mr. Thomas Ryals is a freshman at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in architecture.

Colbert Scholarship – Ms. Chelsea Aldridge is the first recipient of this newly established scholarship. She is a senior at Oklahoma State University majoring in biochemistry/mathematics/chemistry.

Computercraft Corporation Scholarship – Ms. Kristen Rose is a freshman at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in graphic design.

Division on Aging Scholarship – Ms. Stephanie Wilburn is a senior at Oklahoma Baptist University majoring in biochemistry.

James Michael "Mike" Dunn Scholarship – Mr. Ryan Postoak is the first recipient of this newly established scholarship. He is a freshman at East Central University majoring in pre-med/nursing.

Ann Eubank Health Scholarship – Ms. Kayla Meeks is a graduate student attending the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center majoring in physical therapy.

Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship – Ms. Lauren Conti is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in nursing.

Bill Fryrear Memorial Scholarship – Ms. Joanna Lawson is a senior at John Brown University majoring in graphic design.

Joanna Lawson

Taylor Martin

Ronda Sockey

Jared Wingo

Mandy Nash

Haley Sperry

Robin Ray

Kelsey Bryant

Tanya Chapman

Trevor Tullius

Megan Scott

Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship – Mr. Taylor Martin is a freshman at Oklahoma State University -Oklahoma City majoring in nursing.

Stacie Lynn Hays Memorial Scholarship – Ms. Ronda Sockey is a sophomore at East Central University majoring in human resources with a concentration in addiction.

John Bennett Herrington Scholarship – Mr. Jared Wingo is a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in aviation management.

The Hill Group Scholarship – Ms. Mandy Nash is a sophomore at Rose State College majoring in liberal arts.

The Hill Group Scholarship – Ms. Haley Sperry is a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in letters.

Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship – Ms. Robin Ray is a sophomore at Cowley County College majoring in bio-chemistry and pre-med.

Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship – Ms. Kelsey Bryant is a freshman at Murray State College majoring in coaching and physical education.

Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship – Ms. Tanya Chapman is a freshman at East Central University majoring in radiology.

Judicial Scholarship – Law Student Scholarship – Mr. Trevor Tullius is a graduate student at the University of Virginia, School of Law.

The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Scholarship – In Memory of Special Agent Patrick Flickinger – Ms. Megan Scott is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in forensic psychology.

Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship – Ms. Lindsey Elliott is a freshman at East Central University majoring in education.

Mitch Musgrove Memorial Scholarship – Mr. Matthew Nail is a senior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in accounting, with a goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship – Ms. Stephanie Black is a sopho-

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more at the University of Oklahoma with a double major in business and marketing, and advertising.

Lindsey Elliott

David & Carolyn Nimmo Graduate Business Scholarship – Ms. Alexandria Billings is a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center majoring in public health/health administration & policy.

Matthew Nail

Mooniene Ogee Memorial Scholarship – Mr. Bryson Vann is a junior at East Central University majoring in education.

Stephanie Black

Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship – Ms. Maesynne Hulsey is a freshman at Oklahoma State University majoring in aerospace engineering.

Alexandria Billings

Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship – Mr. Thomas Luman is a senior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in aviation.

Bryson Vann

Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship – Mr. Stephen Ryan is a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in aviation management.

Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship – Ms. Mayson Husband is a freshman Fort Lewis College majoring in biology/Native American studies.

Maesynne Hulsey

Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship – Ms. Marissa Wright is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in psychology.

Thomas Luman

Stephen Ryan

Mayson Husband

Marissa Wright

Anderson family reunion

The Anderson family reunion in early August was a big success.

Nearly 100 descendants of the Anderson and Leader families were represented. The reunions have been a fixture for 45 years.

Relatives attended from California, Texas, Tennessee, Georgia and Oklahoma. The final day of the reunion was enjoyed at the Shawnee, Okla., facilities of the Citizen Pottawatomi Nation and St. Gregory's University.

Family members visited the Murrah Memorial, the Cowboy Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Historical Society, all in Oklahoma City.

The group also enjoyed the traditional golf and domino tournaments and plenty of good food. A geneaology table traced the Anderson and Leader families back to the 1820s.

Chickasaw and Choctaw are the main family bloodlines, and Apache, Arapaho, Caddo, Cherokee, Comanche, Creek, Kickapoo, Kiowa, Navajo, Omaha, Seminole, Shawnee and Yaqui are also represented.

New advisors on board to assist Upward Bound students

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Academic Advisors. from left, Melisa Harris, Paul Baken and Brandon Rolan.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students and staff have begun the 2009-2010 academic year with high hopes and expectations. Students have returned to their local schools with increased knowledge in math, science, computer applications and English composition. Content testing was administered at the beginning and end of the 2009 summer session, and the students showed marked improvements in all academic areas.

During the school year, additional opportunities for students to expand their knowledge will be provided through monthly meetings and outings.

The first meeting will be the "Back to School Bash," a time of fun and preparation for the upcoming year. Other educational outings during the 2009-10 academic year include touring local colleges and universities, participating in career and job fairs and attending National Trio Day at the State Capitol. Students will also have the opportunity to give back to their community by volunteering at various Chickasaw Foundation and Nation events and activities.

Each Upward Bound student is assigned an academic advisor whose role is to visit with the student at his school, inform him of upcoming events and activities, offer guidance throughout the academic year and provide motivation for college.

This school year begins will all new academic advisors joining the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound.

Brandon Rolan is one of two academic advisors assigned to the Upward Bound Math and Science program. He is a native of Pauls Valley, Okla., and a graduate of East Central University where he earned a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in education. Brandon previously worked with students in the Pauls Valley school system.

Also, joining the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math and Science program is Paul Baken. He will be balancing his time and energy between the math and science and regular Upward Bound programs. Paul is a resident of Ravia, Okla., and also an East Central University graduate. His areas of study included criminal justice and counseling. Paul is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and served in the National Guard for six years.

Melisa Harris is the new academic advisor for the regular Upward Bound program. She is a lifelong resident of Ardmore, Okla., and holds a degree in sociology from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Melisa has worked with youth and children in a variety of settings.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound staff members are dedicated to being a positive influence in the lives of the students and look forward to an exciting year full of educational opportunities.

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Tribal Institutional Review Board recognized by IHS

From left, Dr. Phil Smith, Director, Indian Health Service Division of Planning, Evaluation and Research; Sheryl Goodson, Director, Chickasaw Nation Health System Medical Support Services; Michael Peercy, Chickasaw Nation Health System Epidemiologist; Dr. Tina Cooper, Chickasaw Nation Health System Medical Staff Joint Commission/Quality and Safety Coordinator; and Dr. Alan Trachtenberg, Indian Health Service Research Director and NARCH Program Officer. Also recognized, but not pictured: Bobby Saunkeah, Chickasaw Nation IRB Chair, was commended for his outstanding leadership and contribution to the committee.

The Chickasaw Nation Institutional Review Board (IRB) was recently recognized by the Indian Health Service (IHS) for going above and beyond human subject protection in the work done to revise policies and by providing education to all members of the board.

The primary mission of the IRB is to protect the rights and welfare of research subjects. The IRB functions as an ethics committee focusing on the protection of human subjects. The Chickasaw Nation IRB consists of a team of medical professionals and Chickasaw community members who work together to assess the value and risk posed by new research such as clinical trials and disease studies. The IRB ensures the safety, well-being, confidentiality and integrity of Chickasaw people when participating in research studies.

Dr. Tina Cooper serves as the Principal Investigator for the Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) research projects. Sheryl Goodson serves as the grant administrator and Michael Peercy serves as an epidemiologist. All three are also members of the Chickasaw Nation Health System's Institutional Review Board.

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World Breastfeeding Week promotes healthy benefits of traditional feeding

Chickasaw Nation WIC Paraprofessional Janet Buchanon, left, presents a gift basket to Cristy Lovell and Mrs. Lovell's children, Alyssa and Riley. Mrs. Lovell won the gift basket during a Breastfeeding Week drawing.

The Chickasaw Nation WIC Department celebrated World Breastfeeding Week during the first week of August. As part of the week's festivities, a gift basket was given to drawing winner Cristy Lovell.

The WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program was established to provide support and education to mothers who want to breastfeed. Peer Counselors are available in all WIC locations and surrounding areas in the following cities: Ada (580) 399-2002, Ardmore (580) 504-2541, Tishomingo (580) 371-1244, Sulphur (580) 451-0064, Pauls Valley (580) 399-2002, Duncan (580) 656-6981 and Purcell (405) 208-9511. Debra Cox, a Board Certified Lactation Consultant, coordinates the program and offers specialized help to moms having difficulties establishing breastfeeding. The program's goal is to make breastfeeding the preferred method of infant feeding for all mothers as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. For help and support in the area of breastfeeding call the numbers listed above or the toll free breastfeeding warm line, (888) 439-8970. An accredited La Leche League Leader is also available by phone at (580) 656-6981 or e-mail at kevjamlee@pldi.net.

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Purcell Family Fun Run/Walk is Sept. 19

PURCELL, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor a Family Fun Run/Walk from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on September 19 at the Purcell Clinic, 1438 Hardcastle Blvd.

The goal of the event is to help increase physical activity and combat diabetes. Diabetes is one of the most serious health challenges facing American Indians and Alaska Natives in the United States.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), American Indians and Alaska Natives are 2.2 times more likely to have diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of the disease. In this type of diabetes, the body does not produce enough insulin or cells ignore the insulin. Insulin helps the body use glucose for energy. The body normally breaks down sugars and starches from food into glucose. Insulin then takes the sugar from the blood into the cells. When this process does not happen and glucose remains in the blood and builds up instead of going into cells, it can starve cells for energy and over time, high glucose levels may harm your eyes, kidneys or heart.

Diet and exercise are key factors in eliminating and reducing the risk of diabetes. You can make a big impact on your health by making a few small changes including eating healthier and increasing your physical activity.

Plan to attend the Family Fun Run/Walk with your family and friends to help increase physical activity and combat diabetes.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation Family Fun Run/Walk, please call Brandon Rogers at (580) 310-9661.

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'More Color, More Flavor, More Life!' Sept. 24 in Ada

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services will present a "More Color, More Flavor, More Life" nutrition seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. September 24 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi in Ada.

The goal of the event is to provide education on popular nutrition topics. Topics will include diabetes and heart health, the top five ways to improve your family's health, nutrition and the aging public and various other topics in nutrition.

Class size is limited to the first 300 participants. To RSVP or for more information, contact Jesseca Harmon at (580) 436-7255.

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The Chickasaw Nation Health System
ANNUAL FLU SHOT CLINIC
October 5 – 9, 2009

Monday, October 5, 2009 – Wednesday, October 7, 2009 from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 8, 2009- Friday, October 9, 2009 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The flu shot clinic will be located in the main conference room at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility (CAIHF), 1001 N. Country Club in Ada.

The flu vaccine will be offered to all Native Americans.

To participate, you must provide the following information at the main registration desk, located in the lobby of CAIHF. Adults must provide a CDIB or Tribal Identification Card with blood quantum listed. For a minor child, you must provide parent's CDIB or Tribal Identification Card with blood quantum listed and a copy of a state certified birth certificate.

For more information, contact Rick Pearce at (580) 436-3980 ext. 81402 or Sharla Gallop at ext. 81141.

Recipes make yummy dishes from commodity foods

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services conducted a recipe contest as a part of the Food Distribution Program (FDP). All clients of the FDP program were eligible to participate. Contestants submitted original recipes utilizing foods from the commodity program and were urged to emphasize a healthy, nutritious diet when submitting their ideas.

Each recipe was prepared by program staff. Recipes were judged according to taste, appearance, convenience of preparation/cooking and healthfulness and nutritional balance. The first place winner received cooking and measuring utensils as well as a cookbook. Second place was awarded cooking and measuring utensils. Third place was awarded measuring utensils. For more information on the Food Distribution Program, call 580-436-7255.

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CREOLE TUNA CAKES- First Place
Submitted by Keith Williams

Keith Williams of Ada submitted his recipes for Creole Tuna Cakes and Italian Noodle Casserole. Williams was awarded first and second place prizes for his submissions.

Ingredients:
2 cans (12 oz. each) tuna, drained
1/8 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
¼ cup cornmeal
1 tsp. baking powder
¼ cup green onions, chopped
¼ cup red or green bell pepper, chopped
1 tsp. dried, no-salt Creole seasoning
¼ cup low fat buttermilk
1 egg
1 T. vegetable oil

Directions:
In a medium bowl, flake tuna and add cornmeal, baking powder, green onion, bell pepper and seasonings. Mix well. In a small bowl, mix buttermilk and egg, blend well. Add to fish mixture, mix well. In a skillet, heat oil on medium heat. Add tuna mixture to skillet in ¼ cup increments and cook 2 minutes on one side. Turn tuna cake and flatten slightly. Cook until browned.

Makes 4-6 servings

HEARTY CORN AND VEGETABLE CHICKEN CHILI- Third Place
Submitted by Shayne Hickman

Shayne Hickman of Sulphur submitted Hearty Corn and Vegetable Chicken Chili and was awarded third place in the contest.

Ingredients:
1 whole chicken, skin removed and cubed
½ head of cabbage, finely chopped
2 carrots, peeled and cubed
1 can whole kernel corn, drained
½ bag or ½ pound Great Northern beans
1 pkg. mild chili seasoning mix
4 tsp. cajun seasoning
1 whole onion, finely chopped
1 whole garlic, finely chopped
Salt
Pepper
1 tsp. vegetable oil
Water

Directions:
In a large skillet, heat oil on medium heat. Add chicken, stirring 3-5 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. While chicken is cooking, sort and rinse beans. Place all seasonings into crock pot. Add beans and water to cover. Add carrots and cabbage. When chicken is done, add to crock pot mixture, stirring to mix well. Cook on high for 6-8 hours or until beans are soft.

Add corn, stirring to mix well.

Recipe can be served with crackers or cornbread.

Makes approximately 8 to 10 servings

ITALIAN NOODLE CASSEROLE- Second Place
Submitted by Keith Williams

Ingredients:
1 lb. ground beef
1 pkg. (16 oz.) wide egg noodles
1 T. vegetable oil
2 cups (8 oz.) shredded cheese, divided
2 cans (15 oz. each) tomato sauce
1 can (15 oz. each) vegetarian beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes
1 can (10 ¾ oz.) condensed tomato soup
2 tsp. dried parsley flakes
1/8 tsp. each—onion powder, garlic powder, pepper
2 T. grated Parmesan cheese

Directions:
In large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink. Drain meat. Meanwhile, cook noodles according to package directions. Drain noodles. In large bowl, combine beef, noodles, oil, 1 ½ cup shredded cheese, tomato sauce, beans, tomatoes, tomato soup and seasonings. Transfer mixture to a greased 9 x 13 inch pan. Cover and bake at 350°F for 30 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with remaining shredded cheese and Parmesan cheese. Bake 5 – 10 minutes longer, until cheeses are melted.

Makes 6-8 servings

Health System elder case manager ready to help

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Lori Dodson, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

CNHS At-Large case manager will help

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on Health System programs available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

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CHICKASAW HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER chic

Located in the main lobby of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, the Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC) is a free online health information center for patients, family members and staff. The center is equipped with computers and one kiosk with Internet access to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) databases. The goal of CHIC is to assist patients in making informed health choices, and to encourage patients to actively participate in their health care. The NLM website has information on medical diagnosis, medications, prevention, the latest medical research and published medical articles. Also included is information on the "Speak Up" Program which is a national campaign to encourage patients to be informed and take an active role in communicating with their health care team.

Visit www.chicresources.net

Wichita Community Council

The focus of the August meeting of the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita was the at-large services offered by the Chickasaw Nation. Representatives of the Nation spoke to a meeting attended by 20 members.

From the Oklahoma City office were Amy Wampler, Services at Large Case Manager, and Linda Giles, former liaison now in her new capacity with Social Services.

They spoke on services available and gave tips on how to access the services for those who do not live within the borders of the Chickasaw Nation. They also passed out fliers and pamphlets covering the subject.

Members were reminded the next presentation in the "Share the Culture" series will be by a panel of Cherokees on Sept. 9 at the Mid-America All-Indian Center in Wichita.

Joyce Barnes wore her new Chickasaw dress made by Lynn Stumblingbear, Council chair, to inform members of the food and supplies that will be needed at the annual Council picnic in October. She also urged members to be prepared to share a story.

Sept. 20 is the date of the next Council meeting. It will begin at 3 p.m. at the Mid-America All-Indian Center.

Northwest Community Council

Chickasaw citizens from all parts of Oregon and Washington gathered July 25 for their first quarterly community council meeting. Sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation and aided by advisory committee members, the meeting was eagerly welcomed by approximately 60 people.

Included were Vickye Gordon, Sharon Nelson and Michelle Cooke of the Chickasaw Nation. Michelle, Director of Libraries, Archives & Collections gave an awe-inspiring presentation about the Nation's upcoming 109-acre, interactive Cultural Center. She passionately spoke of the Holisso Center – a "one-stop shop" for all Chickasaw genealogical and archaeological collections, photo archives and historical papers.

"I'm really excited about it! It'll be a premier research library – not just for Chickasaws, but for all Native American tribes," remarked Ms. Cooke.

She also spoke of the memorial brick project in which citizens have purchased personally-engraved bricks that will line the grounds. Utilizing cash donations, we collectively purchased one as our council's historical marker to be placed at Tishomingo's Capitol Building. It will read:

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Our next meeting will be at Marshall Community Center in the Oak Room on Saturday October 24. Please watch for your reminder postcard for the time and directions. It will be a harvest-themed potluck with a guest speaker from Tribal Health to answer benefit questions.

We'd like to compile those beforehand, so, if possible, please email questions to Michelle: lavenderrows@msn.com or Rena: jayjay17@centurytel.net by October 1st. Further meeting details will be in next month's edition.

Additionally, please let us know if you need transportation to meetings or any special accommodations. Contact Kim Factor at (503) 819-3097 for suggestions and/or feedback and we look forward to seeing you and your family in the fall. Spread the word!

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ADA

Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Chickasaw language club for children ages three to 12)
September 19, (580) 332-8685

Hot Topics in Nutrition
September 24, (580) 436-7255

Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Chickasaw language club for children ages three to 12)
September 19, (580) 332-8685

Volleyball League
October 20-December 15, (580) 310-6620

Revenge of the Bulls
October 23-24, (580) 421-7728

After School Program
November 2-December 11, (580) 310-6620

Elders Thanksgiving Lunch and Bazaar
November 20, (580) 622-2888

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, (580) 421-4994

EMET

Harvest Fest

October 24, (580) 371-3351

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma Community Council
4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, (580) 564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, (580) 564-4570

KULLIHOMA

Elders Cultural Day
September 11, (580) 332-8685

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Todd Griffith, (405) 615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Linda O'Hagan, (405) 350-3311

PURCELL

Annual Fun Run/Walk
September 19, (580) 310-9661

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

TISHOMINGO

Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival
September 26-October 3, (580) 371-2040

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, (580) 371-3351

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Lynn M. Dorrough, (909) 213-7273

Sacramento Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Chickasaw Outreach 866-466-1481

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly Meetings
Stephen Bingham, (303) 377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219 or Pam Harjo, (316) 393-0696

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly Meetings
Vadare Cornelison, (505) 332-1776

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly meetings
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Michele Moody, (210) 492-2288

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
Austin, Texas Area
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, (512) 258-7919

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
John C. Atkins, (972) 271-0692

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Colorado Community Council

Pictured are Steven Bond and Beverly Rodgers, following the Colorado Chickasaw Council's 2009 third quarter meeting last month in Golden, Colorado. Beverly Rodgers serves as the Colorado Council's liaison with Vickye Gordon, the Community Councils Liaison for our Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Bond, the guest speaker for the Council meeting, is the Ethnobotanist/Ecologist for our Chickasaw Nation's Cultural Education and Outreach Division.

For the Council's program, Mr. Bond presented a lesson on our traditional Chickasaw uses of horticulture, focusing on the plants native to our old homeland in Mississippi and in Oklahoma. Among the many points of interest, Mr. Bond highlighted the various plants used by our Chickasaw ancestors for food, medicinal purposes, and the making of bows and arrows.

The Colorado Council's newest Elder, Tonopah Colbert (not pictured), said that, "We are so very thankful for Steven Bond's visit and lecture, and for the wonderful way that Steve presented the facts so that we can tell our children about what has meant so much to our people down through years. And we are looking forward to Steve's work at our new cultural center, as he provides his programs, which will be an important part of our education, I'm sure."

Elder Colbert also commented, "And we want to be sure and mention how much we appreciate Stephen and Lisa Bingham for hosting our council meeting in their beautiful home in the Colorado Rockies. Everyone attending enjoyed the good potluck. We had people attend from as far north as Fort Collins and some from as far south as Rye, Colorado. It was a wonderful meeting."

The Colorado Council's Annual Harvest Festival will be coming in November. Please contact the Binghams for details at (303) 520-8037.

SOSU Native teachers' program to receive $1.16 million grant

DURANT, Okla. – Southeastern Oklahoma State University will receive over $1 million in federal grant dollars to continue a program that develops Indian educators.

The university will receive $1.16 million over the next four years for its Native American Excellence in Education program.

The program supports and trains 12 Indian students. The program leads to bachelor's degrees in education for the students. Participants receive full tuition, fees, books, child care, laptop computers and living stipends.

Following graduation, the new teachers teach in schools with a minimum five percent Indian population.

The program is a collaboration between the university and the Choctaw Nation. SOSU and the Choctaw Nation landed the initial Native American Excellence in Education grant in 2005. The grant renewal will introduce a new cadre of students to the program.

"There is a large population of Native American students in southeastern Oklahoma," Choctaw Nation Chief Greg Pyle said. "The scholarships offered through this grant provide a tremendous opportunity to graduate teachers who can serve as role models to children of the same ethnicity."

Okchamali (Blue) Baptist Church seeks to rebuild following fire

The historic Okchamali (Blue) Baptist Church near the Chickasaw Nation community of Connerville burned July 26.

The congregation, which is predominantly Chickasaw, is now in the process of working through the rebuilding process.

"We are getting cost estimates and doing our very best to keep the church from taking on any debt," Blue pastor Larry Hawkins said. "Building is expensive. We want to accommodate the congregation and still be conservative."

Older wiring is a likely culprit for the fire. Burned were the auditorium built in the 1950s and used as a fellowship hall; the auditorium built in the 1980s used as Sunday School classrooms; and a new nursery which had just been completed.

The steel structure from a new auditorium is about all that is left.

The congregation is currently meeting in the Fittstown building that housed the Methodist Church before that church closed its doors.

Insurance is paying for a portion of the rebuilding, but not full replacement cost or church contents.

"It looks as if we will have some donation of building labor, which will definitely help," Rev. Hawkins said. "We have had some monetary donations, and those are most welcome."

Blue Baptist Church regularly welcomes about 100 for Sunday School and about 125 for Sunday service.

The church was established in 1911, probably as a mission. It has served as a spiritual home for Chickasaws and fellow worshipers for 98 years.

To donate to the church's rebuilding fund, you may send a check to: Blue Baptist Church, P.O. Box 194, Connerville, OK 74836

New USDA conservation program signup now under way

A new conservation program introduced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture encourages agricultural and forestry producers to adopt new conservation practices and improve existing ones.

The new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) began initial signup period August 10. The first cutoff for the program is Sept. 30.

The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 – also known as the 2008 Farm Bill – authorized the CSP. The CSP is designed to improve the availability and appeal of what was previously known as the Conservation Security Program.

The new CSP will offer two types of payments – annual and supplemental. The annual payment is set based on the use of conservation performance. The supplemental payment is based on resource-conserving crop rotation.

The annual payment limit is $40,000 per individual or entity. A total of $200,000 is the maximum for all contracts during a five-year period.

A self-screening checklist is available at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation website and at NRCS field offices.

The website is www.nrcs.usda.gov/new_csp/

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Wahoo McDaniel: An American Indian Original

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Edward McDaniel was one of those natural high school athletes who excels in every sport. Many high schools have athletes like him; college recruiters vie for them, holding out for stardom and the path to fame and riches in the professional ranks. However, the great majority of these high school phenoms don't star in college. And the small number that do, often don't make it as a professional.

It is exceedingly difficult to predict who among these high school stars will break through. But one important and perceptive early indication that McDaniel was quite different from the run-of-the-mill star was contained in some glittering remarks by his Pony League baseball coach, who took McDaniel's 13- and 14-year-old teammates to the state championship game in Austin, Texas.

By that time, Edward, the team's catcher, was becoming known as Little Wahoo, after his father, Big Wahoo. Further, being identified as an Indian in West Texas set him apart—the non-Indian part of him could see an advantage to touting his Chickasaw and Choctaw ancestry. Years later, the coach said, "I'll always remember Wahoo McDaniel as a wonderful kid who captured the imagination of West Texas in the 1950s. He was idolized and worshipped by everyone who knew him."

That ringing endorsement is all the more remarkable and significant given the coach's later reputation for being an excellent judge of people. Some thirty-five years later in 1988, the coach, George Herbert Walker Bush, was elected 41st president of the United States.

While Bush didn't elaborate, his words, "captured the imagination," "idolized," and "worshipped" suggest a good deal more than just sports prowess; they evoke a young man with charisma, flash, and a need to push the limits.

If that is what Coach Bush meant, then he identified early on what turned out to be Wahoo's life-long attributes. But in time, as his athletic ability waned, the qualities associated with his charisma resulted in good and bad consequences to his image and health.

Wahoo the Sooner

When Little Wahoo was 15 in 1954, he predicted that one day he would be a starting fullback for Bud Wilkinson's University of Oklahoma (OU) football team. This prediction came at a time when Wahoo hadn't accomplished anything on the gridiron. But during his junior season, he had grown to six-foot-one and 200 pounds, and was the star of an undefeated team. That year and the next he was named an all-state fullback. As a result, he was recruited by universities around the nation. But, he signed with the Sooners, who had captured a national championship in 1955 and looked to be loaded for years.

It was like coming home. He had been born and raised in Oklahoma, including Ada, before his father Hugh "Big Wahoo" McDaniel, an oil-field welder, moved the family to Midland when his son was in the sixth grade. OU, however, was a whole different kettle of fish. Wahoo was no longer the football player with whom all others were compared. Great athletes abounded, and Coach Wilkinson adapted their various talents and styles to his tried-and-true system of developing players who were quick and speedy and had toughness and endurance.

To achieve greater quickness, Wahoo had to sacrifice pounds, including muscle. His freshman playing weight was 185, and he suffered a knee injury that required surgery. According to J. Brent Clark in *Sooners Illustrated*, Wahoo "didn't start making a mark" until his junior year of 1958--but not as fullback. By then, OU had recruited its first black player, top prospect Prentice Gautt at fullback. Wahoo was shifted to tight end on offense and linebacker on defense. Gautt would be a two-time All America.

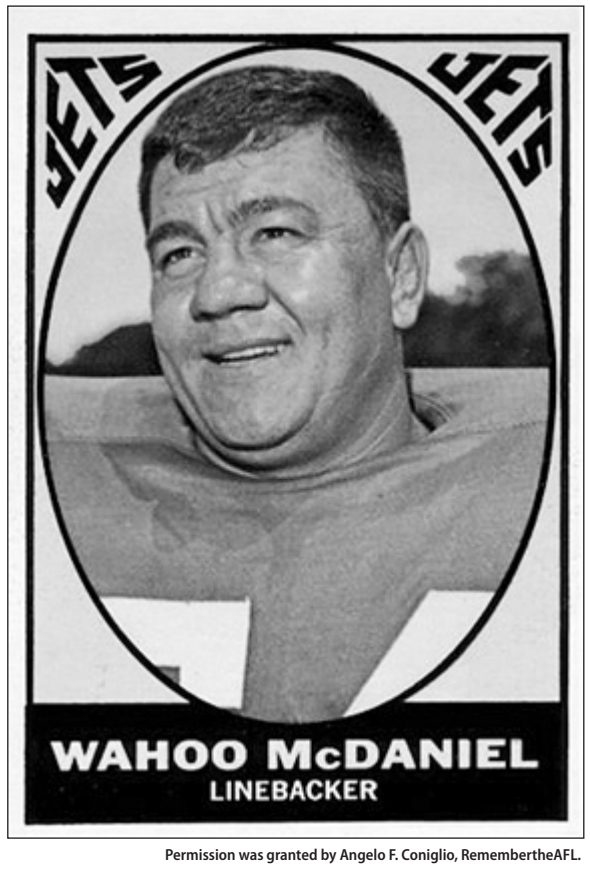
In the first game of the 1958 season, number-one-ranked OU played West Virginia. In what was described as the "crucial play" of the game, McDaniel blocked a punt and later scored on an 86-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Bobby Boyd. Later in the season, Wahoo quick-kicked the ball 91 yards, to the Iowa State 4 yard line. It is still the longest OU punt in history.

From the newspaper clips I examined, Wahoo's interceptions, quick kicks, blocked punts, and occasional long pass receptions indicate he was capable of "the big play" for the 27-5 Sooner teams from 1957-59. He was also the primary punter, averaging about 40 yards a kick. But, as one writer put it, "the legend of Wahoo was cultivated off the field, where his eccentricities" contributed to many stories and lore. It is difficult today to know one from the other.

For example, there is one apparently true story (but with many different versions) about Wahoo betting that he could run nonstop from the athletic dorm to Chickasha, a distance of about 36 miles. In one account, he raced against a relay team of fraternity boys and won. In another, he made bets with teammates and ran alone, trailed by those who bet against him in a car to make sure he didn't stop. It took six hours, but Wahoo collected $185. One other account mentions the origin of the bet. After Wahoo learned that his wrestling coach Port Robertson had once run from Norman to Chickasha "just to drop a few pounds," Wahoo said he could do it, too.

If this is true, it was probably because Robertson was his coach but also his nemesis. As the enforcer of team rules, Robertson meted out punishments. Cutting a class "earned" the guilty party 25 laps up and down the stadium steps. It was reported in an OU magazine that Wahoo had been up and down those steps at least 700 times.

Once when it was reported by a newspaper that Wahoo was drinking in a private club after a game, Coach Wilkinson kicked him off the team. That was the rule, and Bud Wilkinson didn't bend rules. But another rule said the coach could allow the team to vote on such matters—as a court of last resort for such matters. Bud permitted the vote because he knew Wahoo was good for the team. He was a good teammate and a fiery competitor on and off the field. Those are some of the reasons his teammates voted him back on the team.



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He wasn't a devotee of OU's hard practices, however. Once, he asked team trainer Ken Rawlinson to excuse him from a practice because he might have contracted polio. He ached all over and his neck was stiff, he said. Rawlinson thought it much more likely that Wahoo had been carousing the night before, but sent him to the infirmary anyway.

The staff did some tests, but before a spinal tap could be performed, Wahoo fell asleep. Rawlinson reported to an Oklahoma City newspaper that "the Indian" as he was popularly known, slept the rest of the day and night, and when he awoke, his "polio" had vanished.

Wahoo the Jet

Wahoo was not only competitive on the field, his luck and sense of timing off the field were both excellent. In 1964, after three seasons with the Denver Broncos, he was traded to the New York Jets. His former Denver coach predicted that the 240-pound middle linebacker in New York would make a big splash (correct) and a lot of money (not so much).

Why the splash? New York fans need heroes, and since All-Pro middle linebacker and long-time hero Sam Huff had just been traded by the Giants to Washington, there was a vacuum in that regard. Wahoo captured their hearts even before the first game when he announced to reporters that it was lucky that Huff had been traded. He paused theatrically, and a reporter asked why. "Because this place ain't big enough for me and Huff." Days later, when he was introduced to the 50,000 fans at Shea Stadium, they chanted, "Wahoo! Wahoo!"

For the second game, the Jets replaced his jersey with "McDaniel" inscribed above the number 54 with one reading "WAHOO." According to *Sports Illustrated*, Wahoo responded over the next few games by "demolishing any ball carrier he can reach, which is anybody who runs into the fairly compact area that Wahoo's lack of speed limits him to."

In the Jets first game against (who else?) the Broncos, Wahoo was credited with 23 tackles. Probably in response to this incredible number, the *Sports Illustrated* article noted that his "round, cheerful face" was constantly flashed up on the Jet-O-Rama sign for plays he made and didn't make. The PA announcer credited Wahoo, the article read, "with tackling every runner who was not sitting on the bench." This lead to another PR masterpiece: instead of identifying him as the tackler, the announcer would ask rhetorically, "Tackle by guess who?" And the crowd would shout: "WA-HOO!"

But nothing stays the same for long. He sought to capitalize on his fame by asking that his salary be

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doubled to close to $30,000 for his second season. The New York papers reported this with headlines such as "Wahoo On Warpath for More Wampum." The Jets were building a powerhouse during the mid-1960s, and McDaniel, while playing hard, was carrying around too much weight to be very mobile. Plus, in 1965, the fans had a new idol to cheer for—Broadway Joe Namath. After his second season with the Jets, Wahoo was traded to the Miami Dolphins. Days before the Dolphins played the Jets at New York's Shea Stadium in 1966, the Associated Press headline read: "Wahoo After Jets' Scalps."

Courtesy of University of Oklahoma Sports Information

Such public displays of racial and ethnic insensitivity were still all too common then, but by the racially and politically charged year of 1968, that was starting to change. We don't know Wahoo's opinion on the use of such stereotypes, probably because no sports writer was interested in his opinion, and his two tribes by blood, the Chickasaws and Choctaws, were just beginning to reconstitute their governments and membership rolls.

Furthermore, his main goal then was to make as much money as possible for the nest egg he figured he would need later in life. And, he understood by the mid-1960s that his vehicle would not be football, but professional wrestling.

Wrestling in the Ring and With Life

Wahoo had been a member, but not a star, on OU's wrestling team. Then, in 1961, while playing for the Houston Oilers, he started wrestling professionally during the off season to supplement his football salary of $15,000 a year. He had been recruited by an Oklahoma City wrestling promoter who was looking for an Indian wrestler. In Wahoo, he got the Indian and a showman, which, in professional wrestling, boosts ticket sales. He became a rare, two-sport athlete. To those who didn't consider pro wrestling a sport, Wahoo informed them that wrestling was much tougher than pro football. By 1968, his last football salary was $42,000, but his ring earnings as "Chief Wahoo" were more than $50,000 a year.

As ring fans know, wrestlers have reputations as either the good guy or bad guy. In one article, Wahoo was called "an enduring good guy" who faced opponents such as Ric Flair, Rowdy Roddy Piper, and Jesse Ventura (later governor of Minnesota), who Wahoo said would go to any length to avoid wrestling him in the ring.

Remarkably, Wahoo's wrestling career lasted until he was 55. In his final years, he defeated some opponents half his age. Based in Charlotte, North Carolina, for most of his career, he won many titles, including the Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight title and the World Tag-Team Championship four times. His specialties were the "tomahawk chop" and the "Indian strap match," which consisted of two wrestlers connected at the wrist with a long strap. From numerous clippings, it was obvious he was one of pro wrestling's most popular stars and top draws.

Unfortunately, all the traveling associated with his profession was hard on his marriages. He had four wives, but none of them apparently held a grudge against their ex-husband. He had two daughters, and years later, a son, Zac, whom Wahoo got legal custody of when the boy was eight years old.

In the summer of 2001, Mike Shropshire, a writer for *Sports Illustrated*, visited father and son in their Charlotte home as part of a "where are they now" feature. Wahoo estimated he had been in 10,000 matches in his long career and accrued somewhere between 2,000 and 3,000 stitches. At 63, Wahoo's weight had ballooned to 270 pounds, and he was diabetic and in need of a functioning kidney. This unhealthy state of affairs had severely limited his ability to take Zac hunting and fishing, but they went when Wahoo could manage it.

Zac's mother volunteered to donate one of her kidneys to her ex-husband, but their blood types were incompatible. In the *Sports Illustrated* article, it was noted that Wahoo had had two shots at a kidney, but one had been too small and the second could not be transplanted when ready because Wahoo had a serious infection from the shunt used for dialysis. Still, both father and son held out hope for a donor kidney.

Their devotion to one another seemed to be mutual and absolute, according to Shropshire. A picture accompanied the article showing Wahoo under some trophy fish mounted to the wall with his arms around Zac's neck in a mock headlock. In the photo, Zac is beaming at his old man.

Wahoo said he hoped to be with Zac until he was at least 20, to see the boy grow into a young man, and, incidentally, to see how far Zac might go in wrestling. Wahoo had been driving him to team wrestling matches and schooling him with some basic college-style holds. When he offered to show Zac some body slams and how to use metal chairs on opponents, Zac, laughing, said he would call the police.

Over the winter of 2002, as Wahoo's health deteriorated, he needed more care. Zac went to live with his mother and Wahoo moved to Houston to be with his 38-year-old daughter, Nikki Rowe. Still, he sometimes played golf, and once, on what must have been a very good day, went hog hunting with Nikki's husband.

Wahoo was sitting in the sun one day when he abruptly told Nikki: "My mind is going." She took him to a hospital, where he lapsed into a coma. Ten days later, on April 18, 2002, he died. Under the headline, "A Life of Plenty," Shropshire wrote a short remembrance in *Sports Illustrated*. At Wahoo's service in Midland—where his legend began—he was memorialized by former teammates and Zac, who told the 200 mourners, "Y'all remember my dad."

They could have answered as one: "Zac, don't worry."

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Expanded WIC food package offers 'More Color, More Flavor, More Life!'

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition (WIC) Program implemented a new food package on August 1, 2009. The new food package offers many exciting options.

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, right, Chickasaw Nation Health System Administrator, joins WIC participants and program staff on a grocery store tour aimed at promoting new food package options. Marcy Gray

The campaign developed to introduce the new foods is entitled More Color, More Flavor, More Life! New foods offered include whole grain bread and other whole grain products including bulgur, oatmeal, wholewheat and corn tortillas as well as brown rice. Canned beans, fruits and vegetables, soy milk, canned fish and tofu are also offered. New food options are available in addition to current foods which include milk, cheese, dry beans/peas, peanut butter, eggs, cereal and juice. For the first time, infants will also receive infant food fruits and vegetables and infant food meats.

"We are excited about the new WIC food package options now available to our program participants," said Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Nation Health System Administrator. "The expanded food package will provide our WIC families with many healthy options. Hopefully, we will encourage and teach both parents and children how to prevent life-altering diseases such as diabetes and heart disease and foster the importance of overall wellness."

To promote the new food package changes, WIC staff also began offering educational grocery store tours to program participants and grocery store employees. During store tours, participants receive a copy of the WIC approved food listing and a pamphlet describing the nutritional benefits of each new food offered. Participants are encouraged to participate in tours to help them get the most out of the new food package options. Tours last approximately 10-15 minutes and will be offered through the end of September. A complete listing of times, dates and locations is included below.

The WIC program serves approximately 4,000 women, infants and children each month. WIC is a short-term intervention program designed to influence lifetime nutrition and health behaviors in a targeted, high-risk population. In addition to the special food package offered through the program, WIC also provides nutrition education and breastfeeding promotion and support through registered dietitians and breastfeeding peer counselors.

WIC provides cost savings to qualifying families, helps to ensure normal growth for infants and children, reduces levels of anemia, increases immunization rates, improves access to regular health care/social services and improves diets.

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Indian photo exhibition at Red Earth Museum through October

OKLAHOMA CITY – A photographic exhibition entitled "Indian Territory: Portraits of 21st Century Native American Dancers and I.T. Born Tribal Elders" is currently on view at the Red Earth Museum in Oklahoma City through October 31. The series of 34 photographic images by Oklahoma City photographer and writer M.J. Alexander includes fascinating and concise interviews of the photo subjects.

Alexander will be the featured speaker during a "Conversation with the Artist" and reception scheduled Thursday, Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. in the Red Earth Museum, 2100 NE 52nd Street in Oklahoma City. The event is free and open to the public.

Subjects for Alexander's photographs range in age from three to 105 and feature numerous images of American Indian dancers in full tribal regalia taken during the annual Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival in downtown Oklahoma City. The images are printed on varied media including metallic sheets, sheer scrims, hanging canvases and photographic paper. Artifacts from the Red Earth Museum's permanent collection accompany the photographic images.

Carlos Lightning Black, of El Reno, Okla., age 7, a member of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes. This photo was taken during the 2008 Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival. (photo by M.J. Alexander)

The Indian Territory-born tribal elders featured in the exhibit are included in the book Salt of the Red Earth: A Century of Wit and Wisdom from Oklahoma's Elders published in 2007 by the Oklahoma Heritage Association.

Alexander is a writer and photographer whose images have been published worldwide.

She is a citizen of both Canada and the United States and makes her home in Oklahoma City where she resides with her husband and two children.

The Red Earth Museum is open every day, except Thanksgiving and Christmas, inside Science Museum Oklahoma at 2100 NE 52nd Street in Oklahoma City. Red Earth, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes and presents the rich traditions of American Indian arts and cultures through educational programs, the annual Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival and the Red Earth Museum.

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AUGUST 2009 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 26-066

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC

(Matthew Morgan)

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Matthew Morgan to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation-owned Global Gaming Solutions. Mr. Morgan will fill a term which will end on March 1, 2011. Mr. Morgan is the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-067

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

(Tribal Tract 1224 ½)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Antero Resources Corporation, (Antero) of 1625 17th Street, Suite 300 in Denver, Colorado. Antero has agreed to compensation of a royalty rate of 25% on a negotiated oil and gas lease which has been in trespass. The Chickasaw Nation will receive 6.25% of the total royalties paid on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as ½ mineral interest in a tract of land in the SE¼ NE¼ NE¼ Section 17, Township 6 North, Range 15 East, USA in Trust, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 5 net acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years.

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-068

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding for the Indian Reservation Roads Program

Explanation: The U.S. Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Public Law 111-5. The law indicates that federal funding will be made available to create jobs and reinvest in American infrastructure. Tribes are eligible to contract for funding for Indian Reservation Roads projects.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-069

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Chickasaw Cultural Center Phase III

Explanation: The building is located on the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center site and will be part of the complete Chickasaw experience. The facility was originally designed to be a library with classrooms and office spaces. The use of this facility has been expanded and will become a complete study center and repository to house all things historically Chickasaw.

The facility will provide any individual or group with a single location to research and to learn every aspect of the history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation and its people. Access to information will be available on a microfilm, in its original written form and other technological forms of gathered information. Anyone wanting to review or study certain historical artifacts, whether it be for scholarly reasons, personal reasons or just curiosity, will be able to do so in this new facility.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Chickasaw Cultural Center Phase III, Project Number in the amount of $2,000,000.00.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-070

Utility Easement in Garvin County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a Utility Easement granted to Rural Electric Cooperative for the purpose of constructing and maintaining fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electric current and communication messages. This easement would be located on the north side of the parking area located south of Washita Gaming (known as the Paoli Parking Tract). REC is replacing above ground electrical lines and placing the lines underground to prevent loss of service due to inclement weather. Allowing REC to replace above ground service lines with underground service lines would help ensure the Washita Gaming Center (Paoli Parking and Lagoon) would be able to remain open and in operation during inclement weather. This easement would provide REC with the land necessary for this construction. Without this easement REC will not have sufficient space for the construction of their electric current and communication fixtures.

Property Location: Paoli Parking Tract, Garvin County, Oklahoma

Use: Easement to Rural Electric Cooperative

Presented by:Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Amended General Resolution Number GR26-071

Acknowledgment of Formation of Global Gaming LSP, LLC

Explanation: This resolution acknowledges the formation of Global Gaming LSP, LLC by Global Gaming Solutions, LLC as a for profit limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Texas without sovereign immunity for the purpose of operating a horse racing track and casino in Grand Prairie, Texas. The company will not be immune from unconsented suit, liability, judgment and collection in federal courts and Texas state courts and shall be subject to Texas state law, the jurisdiction of the federal courts and state courts of Texas, and the jurisdiction, regulation and enforcement by the Texas Horse Racing Commission.

Presented by:Legislative Committee

As Amended

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number GR 26-072

Acknowledgment of Formation of Global Gaming RP, LLC

Explanation: This resolution acknowledges the formation of Global Gaming RP, LLC by Global Gaming Solutions, LLC as a for profit limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Oklahoma without sovereign immunity for the purpose of operating a horse racing track and casino in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The company will not be immune from unconsented suit, liability, judgment and collection in federal courts and Oklahoma state courts and shall be subject to Oklahoma state law, the jurisdiction of the federal courts and state courts of Oklahoma, and the jurisdiction, regulation and enforcement of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission.

Presented by:Legislative Committee

As Amended

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2008-2009 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
July 17, 2009

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed the guests.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert (Late arrival; 9:04 a.m.), Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Michael L. Wingo, Trail Glory, Ashlee Palmer, Nancy Elliott, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Deanna Kendall, Tonya Bierce, Toni Pace, Dana Hudspeth, Tony Choate, Melissa Wilkerson, Shannon Brown, Bryan Lyon, Micha Hart, Gi Gi Bridgmam, Chance Brown, Marlee Erwin, Jared Alexander, Devon Lyon, Desiree Lyon, Laura Ash, Morgan Hennigan, Aaron John, Leslie Westberry, Caleb McDonald

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 **READING OF MINUTES -** June 19, 2009

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve the June 19, 2009, minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of June 19, 2009, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 26-056, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Ardmore Elder Housing

The Ardmore Elder Housing will provide safe and comfortable housing for our elders. The project is to build 4 duplexes in Ardmore on the existing Carter Seminary campus that has existing facilities to serve the elders, including a Nutrition Center, Community Center, Wellness Center and a Senior Center which provides daily meals to our elders. There is also a large storm shelter steps away from the proposed location. This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Ardmore Elder Housing, Project Number 30-0076-08, in the amount of $888,000. The project will be submitted for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through NAHSDA.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR26-056.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-056 carried unanimously.

Mr. Colbert arrived.

General Resolution Number 26-062, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Intern Housing Duplexes

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Intern Housing Duplexes, Project Number 30-0089-09, in the amount of $501,000. The project will be submitted for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through NAHSDA.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR26-062.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-062 carried unanimously.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 26-053, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Mr. Bill Lance

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Bill Lance to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Mr. Lance will fill a new seat on the Board, and is appointed by virtue of his position as Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce. Mr. Lance will fill an unexpired three-year term of office ending on October 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR26-053.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-053 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-054, Authorizing the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club, Inc. to Participate with and Accept Funding on Behalf of the Community from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs

As of this year, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is mandating that all tribal Boys & Girls Clubs have a tribal resolution in place that supports all future funding from the OJP. This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club, Inc. to receive any funding supported by the OJP. All funding received from OJP enables the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club, Inc. to continue serving youth within the Chickasaw Nation.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR26-054.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-054 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-055, Application for Recovery Act – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant – Formula Grant

This stimulus formula grant opportunity has been released. The Chickasaw Nation has been allocated $1,022,300 but must make application to receive an award. Matching funds are not required but leveraged, in-kind funds in the amount of $25,384 have been budgeted, comprised of a percentage of salary for a project coordinator. The grant allows for multiple projects designed to increase energy efficiency and decrease energy costs as well as the composition of a tribal energy plan. Six projects, in addition to the written energy plan, will be submitted. Project one is the energy plan. Project two is the replacement of old heating/cooling system at the Tishomingo Health Clinic. Project three is replacement of old heating/cooling system at the IT building in Ada and the replacement of all the old light bulbs with new, energy-efficient LED light bulbs. Project four is a computer power management system designed to more effectively manage computer updates and the amount of energy consumed by unused computers. Project five is a headquarters campus retrofit project including replacement of heating/cooling systems at headquarters main building, the David Stout building and the nutrition services building. This project will also include a light bulb replacement component at the David Stout building and the nutrition services building. All three buildings will receive occupancy sensors to turn off the lights in unoccupied rooms. Project six is the replacement of heat pumps at the Chickasaw Nation Health System warehouse. Project seven is an unspecified project to be determined by the energy plan.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-055.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-055 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-063, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the expansion of the head start located in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Barker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-063.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-063 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-064, Approval to Participate in a Joint Venture Construction Program with the Indian Health Service to Construct a Health Care Facility in Tishomingo, Oklahoma

This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to apply for the Indian Health Service's Joint Venture Construction Program. Participation in the program requires several steps, beginning with an initial review of the proposed project which will reveal the recommended square footage of the facility and the staffing. The Chickasaw Nation will pay for the reno-

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vation or construction costs with tribal funds. Once it has been determined by the program what size of facility is justified, the Legislature will be provided with an amended Development Budget, which will include the costs necessary to complete the project's requirements. Based upon population to be served and the Indian Health Service's estimate, the total project cost could be as much as $24 million. The program provides additional operating costs to run the facility once it is constructed and is ready to function. These additional operating costs are needed because the new facility will be larger and will offer enhanced services over what is currently available.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-064.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

Member abstaining: Beth Alexander

1 abstention

The motion to approve GR26-064 carried.

General Resolution Number 26-065, Approval to Participate in a Joint Venture Construction Program with the Indian Health Service to Construct a Health Care Facility in Ardmore, Oklahoma

This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to apply for the Indian Health Service's Joint Venture Construction Program. Participation in the program requires several steps, beginning with an initial review of the proposed project which will reveal the recommended square footage of the facility and the staffing. The Chickasaw Nation will pay for the renovation or construction costs with tribal funds. Once it has been determined by the program what size of facility is justified, the legislature will be provided with an amended Development Budget, which will include the costs necessary to complete the project's requirements. Based upon population to be served and the Indian Health Service's estimate, total project cost could be as much as $34 million. The program provides additional operating costs to run the facility once it is constructed and is ready to function. These additional operating costs are needed because the new facility will be larger and will offer enhanced services over what is currently available.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR26-065.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

Member abstaining: Beth Alexander

1 abstention

The motion to approve GR26-065 carried unanimously.

Mrs. Alexander stated she abstained because she was unable to attend the Committee of the Whole Meeting that morning.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

General Resolution Number 26-057, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Bryan County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's with the acquisition of real property in Colbert, Bryan County, Oklahoma, containing 1.89 acres, more or less and a part of Tract 1 of Custom Corners in Bryan County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof, containing 1.33 acres, more or less. The use is for a senior citizen site.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR26-057.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR26-057 carried.

General Resolution Number 26-058, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's acquisition of real property, in

Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, containing 10.02 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. The use is for a Cemetery site.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR26-058.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-058 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-059, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's acquisition of real property in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. The property is to be utilized as location for the Division of Education and the Division of Youth and Family Services.

A motion was made by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-059.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-059 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-060, Right-Of-Way Easement in Pontotoc County

This resolution authorizes and approves a Right-of-Way Easement granted to People's Electric Cooperative (PEC) for the purpose of constructing and maintaining fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electric current and communication messages. This easement would provide PEC with the land necessary for this construction. Without this easement PEC will not have sufficient space for the construction of their electric current and communication fixtures. The property location is the Firehouse Tract.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR26-060.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-060 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-061, Authorization for Exchange of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property through a like-kind exchange in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, containing 0.34 acres, more or less.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR26-061.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-061 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Ms. Easterling thanked the Legislature for their assistance during the time of her father's passing.

The Chickashsha Apihchi lkby youth leadership group (CAIP) introduced themselves. Chairperson Briggs relinquished the Chair to explain the legislative procedures to the group, then regained the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson regarding the Ardmore land acquisition and problem at the Ardmore Clinic with the air conditioner.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Easterling, Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Submitted by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee
August 17, 2009
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott
Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Finance Committee
August 10, 2009
Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs
Absent: Steve Woods

Finance Committee
August 17, 2009
Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Health Committee
August 10, 2009
Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Dean McManus, Linda Briggs
Absent: Scott Colbert

Human Resources Committee
August 10, 2009
Present: Dean McManus, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Land Development Committee
August 10, 2009
Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs
Absent: Steve Woods

Legislative Committee
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Connie Barker, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz
Absent: Tim Colbert, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Jeannie Irlene Goodman

Jeannie Irlene Johnston Goodman, 79, of Duncan, Okla., died July 28, 2009 at Duncan Regional Hospital, Duncan, Okla. She was born Sept. 11, 1929 to Richard Edward and Elba Johnson Johnston at Milo, Okla.

She married Harvey Lee Goodman on Oct. 18, 1947 at Gainesville, Texas.

Mrs. Goodman was employed with Halliburton Services for 42 years as a secretary in the field safety department retiring in 1992. She was a volunteer for Christians Concerned and Chisholm Trail Hospice and was active at the Chickasaw Nation Center in Duncan.

She enjoyed traveling and was an avid seamstress. She was a loving wife and devoted grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Richard E. "Ike" Johnston and Jerry M. Johnston; and a half-brother, Virgil Johnston.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Chickasaw Nation Center, 1909 W. Plato Road, Duncan, OK 73533.

On-line condolences can be made at www.granthamfuneralhomes.com

A private memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

Albert "Sonny" Perry, Jr.

Albert "Sonny" Perry, Jr., died Aug. 12, 2009 at Pomona, Calif. Interment was Aug. 18, 2009 at Oakwood Memorial Park, at Claremont, Calif.

Mr. Perry was born Aug. 25, 1931 to Albert "Cash" Sr., and Stella Mae Perry. He was the brother of the late Nellie Mooniene Ogee, a former Chickasaw legislator.

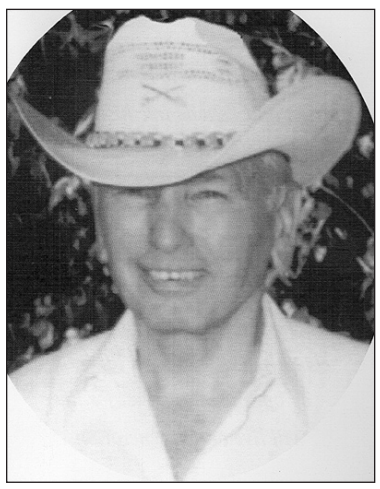
He was half Chickasaw.

Mr. Perry was a U.S. Air Force veteran, a skilled aircraft engine welder and a self-taught award winning woodworker. He was a trusted church trustee and helped raise 32 foster children.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Jaime.

He is survived by his children, Wayne Perry, of La Verne, Calif., Paul Perry, of Banning, Calif., and Susan Lewis, of Shelton, Wash; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

William James "Bill" Leftwich



William James (Bill) Leftwich, 85, of Fort Davis, Texas, died April 27, 2009. Graveside services were May 1, 2009 at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, Dallas. He was born June 21, 1923 at Duncan, Okla., into an English/Chickasaw/Cherokee family, the son of D.O. And Mary (Wilson) Leftwich.

He lived and attended school in Texas until 1942 when he left Texas A&M University and joined the U.S. Army. He served in Europe as a tank commander in the 92nd Armored Calvary Recon, 12th Armored Division. He received three battle stars and the Silver Star.

After World War, II, he returned to the university he loved throughout his life, Texas A&M, graduating in 1954 with a degree in animal husbandry. He served as a Soil Conservation Officer for several years and as the base agronomist for Holloman Air Force Base at Alamogordo, N.M., from 1960 to 1967.

He married his wife of 61 ½ years, Mary Alice Atchley, in 1947. The couple had four children.

In 1963 he entered and won the design competition for the design of the New Mexico State Pavilion at the 1964 World's Fair in New York City. After winning the competition he eventually supervised the construction of the adobe building based on the Zia sun symbol.

In the 1940's he went to Mexico and the Rio Grande as a river rider with the AFTOSA Commission, which worked with Mexico to stop hoof and mouth disease from spreading.

As an artist and writer, his works have appeared in hundreds of publications, from *Western Horseman*, to books such as the *Cow Killers*, which he helped write and illustrate about the experiences with AFTOSA. Fred Gipson, who wrote *Old Yeller* among other works, was the author of the *Cow Killers.*

He was an author, lecturer, artist and "shade tree historian."

In 1976 he published the *Corps At Aggieland* a book about the history of the Corps at Texas A&M and it was released on the centennial birthday of Texas A&M.

The life size bronze of Audie Murphy was one of his favorite works. It is located at the Texas National Guard Headquarters in Austin. He completed over a dozen bronze busts and the first Aggie mascot, Reveille, is memorialized in bronze he completed for the Corps Museum on the Texas A&M campus.

Most importantly he was a faithful Christian, adoring husband, devoted father and ever loyal friend.

In the early 1990s he agreed to serve as Jeff Davis County's Veterans Affairs officer, a post that had always been held by someone in Brewster of Presidio counties. He continued to serve in that position until just recently.

He was active in his church, the Fort Davis Church of Christ and helped with many activities in Fort Davis and Jeff Davis County, including the Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Memorial Day activities, the Big Bend's annual Aggie Muster, Fort Davis National Historic Site and its many activities and other community organizations and programs.

He is survived by his wife, of Fort Davis; children, Tim Leftwich and wife, Melissa, of Andrews, Texas, Sandra Paul and husband, Mark, of Stevensville, Mont., Roxana Skow and husband, Leland, of Fort Worth, and Paul Leftwich and wife, Yvonne, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; 14 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; a sister, Rosie Turner; and many nieces and nephews.

Malacha (Fox) Martin

Funeral services for Malacha (Fox) Martin, 62, of Courtney, Okla., were Aug. 4, 2009 at Courtney United Methodist Church with Rev. Carolyn Higdon officiating and Bryan Spivey providing the eulogy. Interment followed at Bourland Cemetery, Courtney. Mrs. Martin died July 31, 2009 after a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born Dec. 22, 1946 to Robert and Doris (Eakin) Fox in the family home on her grandmother's Indian allotment in the Petersburg/Courtney Community. Her grandparents are Lorinda (Borland) and William Eakin and Clara (McCarty) and Luther Fox.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and numerous aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Robert Wayne Martin; three sons, Russell Martin and wife, Malia, of Milpitas, Calif., Daniel Martin, of Lawrence, Kan., and James Martin and wife Angel, of Albuquerque; a daughter, Wendy Kaess and husband, Mike, of Bakersfield; a brother, Lyndal Fox and wife, Joan, of South Bend, Ind.; granddaughters, Morgan and Andi Kaess, of Bakersfield; nephews, Joel Fox and wife, Jenny, of Indianapolis, and Andrew Fox and wife, Jenny, of Mishawaka, Ind.; great-niece and nephew Ava and Drew Fox, of Mishawaka; an aunt, Helen Caldwell, of Marietta, Okla.; eldest cousin, Glen Eakin, of Ardmore; and many more favorite cousins.

Pallbearers were Andrew Fox, Dewayne McCarty, Joel Fox, Langdon Spivey, Larry Fox, Tyrell Stages and Virgil "Bo" Clough.

Honorary bearers were residents of the Petersburg/Courtney Community.

Condolences can be sent online at www.alexanderfuneralhome.org

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Yes votes: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander

General Resolution Number 26-073

Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2010

Explanation: This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2010 in the amount of $112,729,000.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander

Jonathan C. Trent

Jonathan C. Trent, 70, of Crystal, Okla., died July 31, 2009 at Durant, Okla. Mr. Trent was born March 1, 1939 to Bob A. Trent and Betty Jo (Cline) Trent at Coleman, Okla. He was a resident of the Caney, Okla., area most of his life.

Services were Aug. 3, 2009 at Crystal Cemetery, Crystal, Okla., with Rev. Glen Cook officiating. Interment followed at Crystal Cemetery.

Mr. Trent graduated from Caney Schools and attended Murray (OK) State College, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Texas of Arlington and graduated with a degree from Oklahoma State University in mechanical engineering.

He married Dorthy Helen Davis Nov. 14, 1964 at Caney.

Mr. Trent was an aerospace engineer at Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City, Okla., for 31 years.

He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and enjoyed ranching, playing dominoes and hunting. He was raised a Baptist. He was a member of the Chickasaw Nation.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Betty Jo Trent; step-mother, Violet (Horn) Trent (whom raised Mr. Trent); a brother, James Trent; and in-laws, Mark and Helen Davis.

He is survived by his wife, Dorthy Helen Trent, of the home; sons, Jonathan Trent, II and wife, Sharon, Marlon Trent and wife, Marguerite, and William Trent and wife, Marianne, all of Houston, and Jason Trent and wife, Darcy, of Omaha, Neb.; grandchildren, Ann Marie Trent, Jonathan C. Trent, III, Henry Trent, Charlie Trent, Mia Trent, Jacy Trent, Drake Trent and Jenna Trent; brothers, Sam Trent and wife, Nancy, of Willis, Texas, David Trent and wife, Judy of Spiro, Okla., and Mark Trent and wife, Tararai, of El Centro, Calif.; a sister, Becky Rimmer and husband, Terry, of Oklahoma City; an uncle, Warren Trent and wife, Ruth, of Tyler, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles and other relatives and many dear and loved friends.

Pallbearers were Jonathan Trent, II, Marlon Trent, Jason Trent, William Trent, Sam Trent, David Trent, Mark Trent and Jonathan Trent, III.

Condolences can be sent to the family at Browns@Atoka.net. Please reference the name of the deceased in your correspondence.

Note of Thanks

Again it is said words cannot be written to express the appreciation we have felt through the loss of our loved one. Extenuating circumstances have made our loss most difficult, but you have been there for us and we want to thank you for all you've done and given. Thank you to our family and friends who have been there – before, during and after. A very special thank you to Hickory Hill Baptist Church, Rev. Larry and Joann Hawkins, Criswell Funeral Home and to the Chickasaw Nation. Your kindness will always be remembered.

The Family of Richard Michael Hayes

'Ode to Rich Hayes'

High spirits smiling face
Always going at his high rate of pace
Never slowing down-in tip top gear
Each day the same throughout the year

Somedays feeling very down
Other's he was the glowing clown
His life a flowing adventure game
With Rich, nothing came about the same

His family number one in his heart
Thoughts of them before his day was to start
Especially, of Mom that gave him all his smiles
Into his journey's walking all those "life-miles"

Still smiling as big as ever I'm sure
Giving never ending love ever so pure
Now a flowing free spirit roaming about
While watching over family I have no doubt

Smile Rich, you'll never fade ever away
Thoughts of you will always stay
You were the life with fun like no other
To me you were like my real brother
Al Wall
7/31/09

Dream of owning your own home? Need to Refinance? Want to make Home Improvements?

CHUKA CHUKMASI is a secondary market home loan for Chickasaw Citizens and Chickasaw Nation Employees. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development (CNDHTD) can help you with the financing as well as the down payment and closing costs. Through the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program, we offer Conventional, HUD 184, FHA and VA loans anywhere in the continental United States.

REFINANCING: Did you know CNDHTD can loan up to 90% of the appraised value on your home? Closing costs may be rolled into the loan, if the appraisal is high enough. Appraisal fee must be paid up front.

NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building? If you have been approved for your 30 year permanent financing through Chuka Chukmasi, CNDHTD can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. Interim construction is available only in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate is 5% and the term 6-9 months. During the construction phase, you will be required to make monthly interest payments on drawn borrowed funds. You will pay minimal closing costs on the construction loan at closing. Please call for further information.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS: Do you want to make needed improvements? CNDHTD may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is $30,000.00. The interest rate is fixed at 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage on the home. Home must be your primary residence. You must pay closing costs at closing. This loan is available only in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a contractor. Call for additional details.

GRANT FUNDS: Do you need help with down payment and closing costs? Chickasaw citizens may receive up to $3,000.00 to assist with down payment and/or closing costs when purchasing a home. You must be pre-approved thru the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program at CNDHTD for your financing. Refinances are not eligible to receive these funds. This is a one time grant. Call for more information.

EMPLOYER ASSISTED HOUSING: Employees of the Chickasaw Nation are eligible to apply for the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program thru CNDHTD. You must be pre-approved for your permanent financing through the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program. Employees may receive down payment and/or closing cost assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan.

COUNSELING: Did you know that you can receive assistance with credit counseling, credit report clean-up, budgeting, loss mitigation and early delinquency intervention? Do you want to purchase a home but you know there are credit issues that might preclude you from purchasing right now? Did you know that we have a full time counselor who can work directly with you, one-on-one, to help you become mortgage ready? Maybe your credit is ok, but you just can't seem to save enough money to get started with the process and need help with goal setting and personal budgeting. Please call **Kyra Childers at (580) 421-8817** and let her help you now.

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Special Trustee seeking IIM account holders

The people listed below are Individual Indian Monies (IIM) account holders according to the U.S. Department of Interior Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians.

Mail sent to these people has been returned. If you are on this list, or know someone on this list, please contact the Chickasaw Field Office at (580) 235-0291.

Adair, Wick; Adams, Barbara; Apala, Christene L.; Apala Jr., Lemuel W.; Ball, Dazel R. (Davis); Bennett, Deborah J.; Benson Matilda M.; Bolen n/ Vaughn, Evelyn Jewell; Brown, Darla; Brown, Eddie J.; Brown, George D.; Brown, Mary; Brown, Michael E.; Brown, Rodney E.; Bruce, Daniel L; Bruce, Jeffrey G.; Burris, Bessie; Byars, Jr., Emile H.; Campbell, Goldie J. (Neasbitt); Chaffin, Wanda M. (Alexander); Chavez, Deborah Jo; Cole, Diana L; Cook, Margaret L.; Edwards, Marilyn A.; Gipson, Darrell; Gipson, Jonathan L.; Giroux, Bruce Tyree; Giroux, Kathleen; Giroux III, Clyde V.; Goldspink, Alethea J.; Hamilton, Jerry L.; Harjo Factor, Minnie; Hill, Sharon; Holden, Sharon J.; Holman, Geneva (Alexander); James, Winnie (Gipson); Johnson, ,Helen S.; Johnson, Johnny R.; Johnson, Johnny Ray; Johnson, Nancy F.; Jones, Mabel; Keel, James; Keel, Jimmie E.; Keel, Lola (Boatman); Kelly, Essie N.; Kersh, Stacy K.; Krouse, Martin; Lewis, Robert D.; Loving, Allison, J.; McGuire, Nadine Lamar; McKinney, Darrell; Miller, George; Moody, Juanita C. (Cass); Moss, Nina R.; Nail, Benjamin; Ned, William Homer; Palmer, Listey; Patterson, Russell B.; Perry, Zelda J.; Pershica, Roy B.; Peters, Gregory W.; Pickens, Edmond Jefferson; Pickens, Hattie; Porter, Carns Alwin; Postoak, Mary J. (Underwood); Postoak, Terry; Reynolds, Mary Lou H. (Johnson); Robertson, Cleveland; Rogers, Virginia L.; Rollins, Frances R.; Russell, Francis E.; Russell, Wayne Allen Grover; Shields, Bobbie A.; Smith, Daniel D.; Stanford, Nona (Lewis); Stout, Brenda Jean; Stout, Rosie Amarita; Stout, Samuel Joseph; Stout, Venita Ruth; Stout, Wilma Pauline; Strayhorn I, Samuel R.; Sullivan, Rhoda (Jefferson); Thomas, Bob; Thomas, Fannie; Thomas USA in Trust, Elizabeth J.; Todorovitch, Sharla J.; Turner, Jacquelyn; Vinson, CE; Walker, Carmella F.; Walker, Mary L.; Watson, Gwendolyn; Williams, Brenda Sue.

EVENT	VENUE	DAY/DATE	TIME
Jr. Olympics Registration	Tishomingo H.S. Football Field	Saturday, Sept 26	9 a.m.
Jr. Olympics	Tishomingo H.S. Football Field	Sept. 26	10 a.m.
Golf Tournament Registration	WinStar Golf Course	Sept. 26	7:30 a.m.
Golf Tournament Begins	WinStar Golf Course	Sept. 26	9 a.m.
Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC/JCSC	Sept. 26	9 a.m.
Chickasaw Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center	Monday, Sept. 28	6 p.m.
Cultural School Tours, Tours of Museums, Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds and West Side	Mon., Sept. 28 - Wed., Sept. 30	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Youthful Celebration, Kids Activities Tent, Petting Zoo, Inflatables	Pennington Park	Mon., Sept. 28 - Wed., Sept. 30	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Arts and Culture Awards and Reception	McSwain Theatre	Tuesday, Sept. 29	6 p.m.
Chickasaw Senior Olympics	Pennington Park	Thursday, Oct. 1	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chickasaw Cultural Center (Sulphur) Friday Oct. 2, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

"Behind the Scenes" film presentation throughout the day	Anoli Theater	11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Lunch Service	Aaimpa Café'	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Storytelling, Hymns, Living History Players	Amphitheater	11:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Cultural Demonstrations	Traditional Village	11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Mike Larsen Exhibit	Aattifama Room	11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Time Capsule Contributions	Aachompa Retail Center	11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Evening Bell Ringing and Dinner Service	Traditional Village	5:15 p.m.
"Pearl" the movie showing	Anoli Theater	12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

JC Riding Club Rodeo	Tee Pee Arena (Tishomingo)	Fri., Oct.2 & Sat., Oct.3	8 p.m.
Chickasaw Citizen Registration	Murray College/Student Center	Saturday, Oct. 3	8 a.m.
State of the Nation Address	Fletcher Auditorium- MSC	Oct. 3	9 a.m.
Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Women's & Men)	MSC/JCSC	Oct. 3	9 a.m.
Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds/West Side	Oct. 3	11 a.m.
Mike Larsen Elders Painting/Exhibit Phase II	Capitol Building/3rd Floor	Oct. 3	11 a.m.
Chickasaw Traditional Meal	MSC Lawn	Oct. 3	11:30 a.m.
Health Fair	MSC Lawn	Oct. 3	11:30 a.m.
Parade	Tishomingo Main Street	Oct. 3	11:30 a.m.
Pennington Park Activities Begin	Pennington Park	Oct. 3	11:30 a.m. - 5: 30 p.m.
Stickball Demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds/West Side	Oct. 3	11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament Registration & Tournament Begins	Pennington Park	Oct. 3	12 p.m.
Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet	Oct. 3	12 p.m.
Arts and Crafts Vendors, Food Vendors	Pennington Park	Oct. 3	9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Band Day Extravaganza	Tishomingo High School	Oct. 3	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Gospel Singing	Capitol Grounds/West Side	Oct. 3	2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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